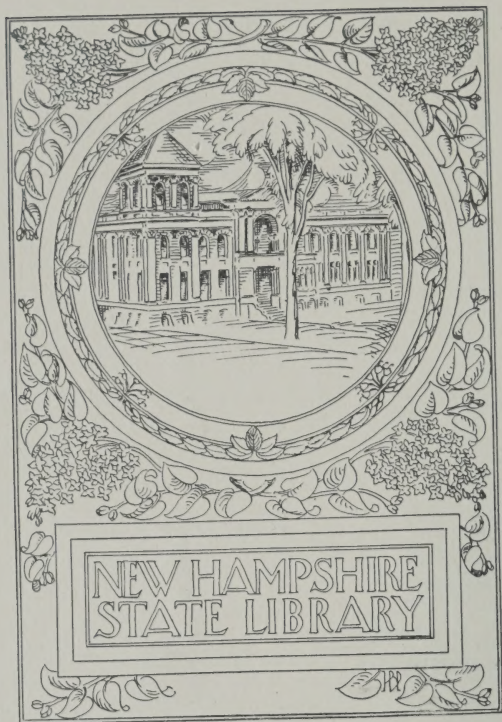


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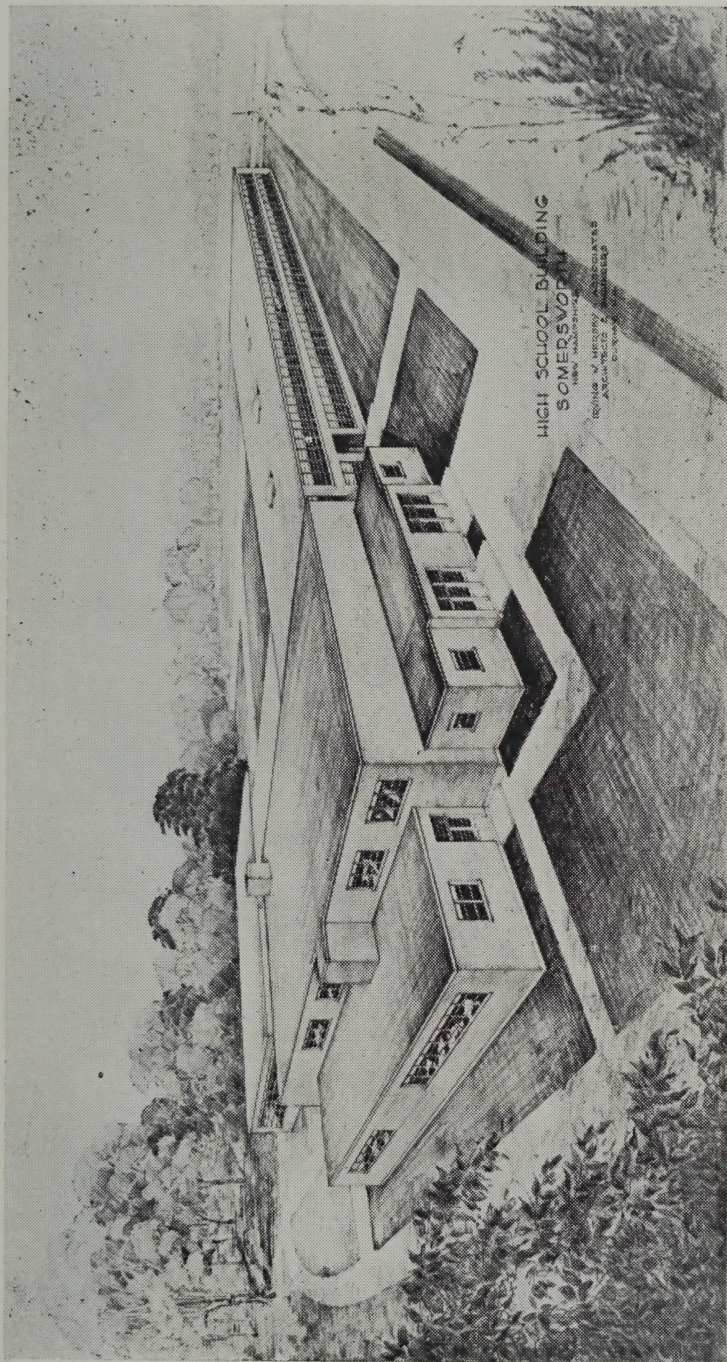




MAYOR EDWARD S. CHARPENTIER

January 1, 1954 — January 1, 1955





Somersworth's new 23-room high school, now under construction at Memorial Field and expected to be ready for occupancy on or about January 1, 1956.





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## Inaugural Address

Gentlemen of the City Council:

Destiny has decreed that we assume our duties—you, as members of the City Council and I, as Mayor—at a most critical period in the history of our city.

We take office at a time when problems—numerous and serious, and possessing the possibilities of powerful impact and far-reaching consequences—are pressing for early solution in practically all departments of our municipal government.

As we take our solemn oaths today, we find the hour of decision rapidly approaching.

We find that the time is close at hand when we must act in the interests of the people of Somersworth in a manner that will justify our recent requests and claims for political preference.

It is a matter of fact that we—all of us—have readily accepted the honor, prestige and authority that go with the offices that we hold.

It will be of far greater importance to our constituents—and much more becoming—if we will now accept—without reservation, and with equal or greater readiness—the duties, responsibilities and obligations of these offices.

To those among us whose roots lie deep in this community—Somersworth is more than just a city. It is a way of life.

The need for whole-hearted devotion to duty, for the conscientious exercise of sound judgment and common sense, and for courage in our convictions is clearly emphasized when we realize that we—by our actions in these offices—will—to a considerable extent—determine just what this way of life is to be in the years ahead.

For, in the final analysis, it remains for us to determine whether—as a result of far-sighted action based upon sound social and economic principles—Somersworth and its people will be able to look ahead to a period of progress in which they may enjoy a decent standard of municipal living of which they might be reasonably proud.

Or whether—as a result of narrow-minded, short-sighted and niggardly policies, which have as their sole and unworthy objective the

maintainence of an inadequate and unsound tax structure,—our people are to be deprived of services and opportunities to which they are clearly entitled and are to be forced to be shameful of,—and to apologize for,—our municipal backwardness and shortcomings.

We must not misinterpret the temper, attitude and desires of our constituents.

We must not underestimate their willingness to face up to their civic and municipal responsibilities.

While I am firmly convinced that citizens in general are strongly opposed to—and want no part of—municipal extravagance, I am equally firm in the belief that the great majority want Somersworth to be a progressive city—a good community in which to live and one which, to the fullest possible extent, will provide them with an opportunity to earn a good living.

I hold a definite conviction that they do not want us to place the dollar sign above the human equation as we seek the answers to the problems of municipal government—that, while they want us to act prudently and to obtain dollar-for-dollar value in public expenditures to the end that there may be no excessive burden of taxation, they are ready and willing to meet the costs necessary to provide for the actual and fundamental needs of growing community.

Heavy will be the demands and the requests made upon this administration. They will represent the accumulation of unsolved problems that have developed and grown in the years that have passed since Somersworth started to crawl out of the depths of a long depression to reach its present height of industrial prosperity.

In the circumstances, it will be physically and financially impossible for us to accomplish all that will be asked of us.

It is for this reason that I must again urge upon you the need for sound judgment, common sense and unusual courage as we attempt to determine just what can and cannot be done. For we cannot adopt, and continue indefinitely, a policy of “sweeping the dirt under the rug.”

We were elected to do a good job for the deserving citizens of Somersworth. In the performance of my duties—and fulfilling my obligations—it will be necessary, from time to time, for me to make important recommendations for direct action which require your consent and approval. This I will not hesitate to do.



However, I recognize and respect the rights and privileges that are yours as members of the City Council.

In this connection, I give to you every assurance that—insofar as I am concerned—the only “pressure” to which you will be subjected will be that which comes from public opinion and from the dictates of your own conscience.

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Of all the problems with which this administration will be confronted, there is none more important, none more controversial, and none more in need of early, direct and effective action than that which relates to the improvement of our educational facilities.

And in all of the controversy relating to proposed plans to effect an improvement, one point stands out—crystal clear.

This is the simple but indisputable fact that none of the opposing factions in the controversy has sought successfully to deny or disprove that the existing facilities are antiquated or inadequate and reflect discredit upon the community.

The fact of present inadequacy having been well established and generally conceded, it follows that some definite, concrete action must soon be taken to modernize, enlarge and improve our educational system and equipment.

This must be done if we are to prove that we possess the intelligence and the courage to face up to our responsibilities and if hundreds of school children in this community are to be provided with the educational opportunities that they need—and to which they are entitled—in this day and age.

This problem has been studied and investigated in great length and detail during the past six years. This has been done by past Mayors, members of the School Board and by a committee composed of able and responsible citizens. With the wealth of information that they have accumulated, and through the process of elimination, we should be able to arrive at definite conclusions concerning possible action in the very near future.

Ever since it became evident that, as Mayor, it would be my duty to lead in efforts to bring about a satisfactory solution, I have given this matter considerable thought and attention. As a result, I have reached what I believe to be some well grounded opinions and conclusions.

In the first place, I believe that we have been aiming too high. We do not have to build a "Monument to the Ages" in order to educate our children. We do not need marble halls and expensive frills.

The facts of life dictate that Somersworth cannot afford a new High School Building and auditorium which carries a minimum price tag of \$600,000. We can have no part of an architect's dream.

First things must come first—and the primary concern must be a course of action that will provide Somersworth's ever-increasing number of school children with a sufficient number of good, clean, healthy and altogether adequate classrooms wherein they may be offered a sufficient number and variety of courses of instruction to prepare them to cope with conditions and circumstances which they must face in present day business, industrial, scientific, civic and social activities.

We must not permit to continue a shortage of facilities which forces school authorities to resort to an "aristocracy of brains" policy in awarding opportunities to study in certain courses. Each and every pupil in the schools of this city, who is basically qualified, must be given an equal opportunity to pursue the courses of his or her choice. And we must eliminate such things as the basement classroom.

The results of years of study and investigation appear to justify the conclusion that a new High School Building should be erected together with a gymnasium-auditorium which would satisfy an acute community need.

Sound and substantial officials and citizens, who have given freely of their time and talents in this matter, have recorded, as their considered judgment, that this is the key action in the solution of our great problem.

Such a building, they have pointed out, would free the present High School for Grammar School purposes and make it possible to care for primary grade children in the Chandler School Building. There would then be available adequate facilities for the purposes of physical education and competitive sports for children of all of the schools of the city—parochial as well as public. And for the community in general, there would be a much needed place of assembly for social, theatrical, civic, athletic and other activities.

We must get down to the business of solving this problem at once. It is expected that the new School Board will soon announce its find-

ings and its decision. Shortly thereafter, I hope to complete my own personal study.

At that point, I will come before you gentlemen with specific recommendations and a request for immediate and direct action.

If our considered opinion should indicate that the erection of a new High School, with a suitable Gymnasium-Auditorium, is the answer to our problems—as is now believed likely—then let us have the courage not to hesitate to move forward at once.

In such an event, let us erect a new building—not the architecturally beautiful and too expensive structure with its excessively large Gymnasium-Auditorium previously recommended, but a purely functional building wherein facilities would be confined to the necessary classrooms, laboratories and shops with sufficient, but not superfluous, provision for assembly and sports.

Such a building could be reasonably attractive without unnecessary and expensive frills. Directly and indirectly, it could provide the enlarged enrollments with practically all of the fundamental requirements of a sound and efficient educational system.

And this could be achieved without placing upon the taxpayers of Somersworth an unbearable tax burden and without posing any threat to municipal solvency.

By abandoning the traditional architectural and construction methods and practices and by making fullest possible use of modern materials and techniques, such a building could be made structurally sound at a comparatively low cost. There are numerous examples of similar action taken in other communities with resulting savings to taxpayers of thousands upon thousands of dollars.

I do not believe that it can logically be denied that the future well-being of this, or any other, community is inevitably tied in with a good educational system. Therefore, to blind ourselves to the facts of the existing situation and timidly to pursue a do-nothing policy would, in my opinion, be economically false and unsound and culturally and officially indefensible.

In this year of 1954—as we plan an appropriate observance of our 200th anniversary—we can well be inspired by the example set by our ancestors who had the wisdom, foresight and courage to build fine schools and churches that served the needs of their descendants for several generations.



Second only to that of improving our educational facilities—both in general importance and in possible financial impact—is the all-around problem of providing satisfactory water and sewer service to the steadily expanding residential areas of our community.

Some idea as to the scope and magnitude of this problem can be gained from the fact that—although the sum of approximately \$150,000 was expended for extensions and improvements in a very recent period, of which about \$136,000 remains unpaid as part of a bonded debt, we are still confronted with an early need for many Water Department projects which could, in the aggregate, require additional expenditures of close to \$100,000.

Foremost among our future needs in this department—as I understand the situation—is another well and station which would cost about \$30,000. While our present water supply appears to be adequate for current needs, experts have advised an additional well to handle increases in the demand for water and to insure safety and increase pressure in certain parts of the city.

The extension reported to be most necessary during this year is one which would run the length of lower Green Street—approximately 6,200 feet—and would probably cost nearly \$32,000. A third proposed major water project is a \$15,000 extension on Maple Street which is recommended for the purpose of increasing the pressure and volume in the West High Street section to the Cement Road, which has a new main line.

A minor extension at Washburn Court, changes at the old Pumping Station, extensions of mains and the painting of the Standpipe would, if carried through, require an additional expenditure of approximately \$16,000.

These are matters which require careful thought and consideration. While it is pointed out that Water Works Bonds are not included in the total amount for which the city can be bonded and are, in effect, self-liquidating, it is nevertheless true that profits from the operation of the Water Department which must be diverted to the payment of these bonds represent a decrease in municipal revenue and a corresponding increase in the amount of money that must be raised by taxation.

The extent to which we will be able to act favorably upon these proposed water department projects will necessarily depend upon fu-

ture developments, general in nature, and upon their justification by the test of immediate necessity.

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The continued expansion of our residential areas has also had the effects of greatly increasing the work and service load in the Street Department. As new streets have been added at various home construction projects, greater burdens have been placed upon the department crew and the department equipment has been subjected to greater wear and tear.

As a result, we have reportedly reached the point where it may become necessary to add more workers to the crew and to add to, and replace some of, the equipment.

Of greatest concern in the matter of equipment is the claim that there is immediate need for the purchase of a loader, for the replacement of two 2-ton trucks, for Sewer Cleaning Equipment and for an Electric Welding Unit.

The Highway Department Barn, because of expanded activities and added equipment, is apparently no longer adequate to the needs. Therefore, we must look forward to the necessity of enlarging this building in the not too distant future by the addition of three or more stalls.

During the current year, we will be faced with the necessity of graveling and grading and oiling several new streets in new home areas.

There are steadily increasing complaints to the effect that the adoption of an adequate program of sidewalk construction has been too long delayed and this matter is bound to demand our serious attention.

Action to provide the greatest possible protection against loss of life and property in case of fire is a very important function of municipal government. For many years, Somersworth, fortunately, has escaped heavy and serious fire losses.

It is quite evident, however, that this fortunate situation results from the kindness of fate and from the efficient use of available equipment by able, conscientious and public-spirited part-time officers and members of the department rather than from the abundance and efficiency of this equipment.

It is sad, but true, that most of the major pieces of fire-fighting apparatus and equipment are antiquated and past the peak of their efficiency. They were purchased over a period of more than two decades extending from 1923 to 1944 and have been in continuous use.

This state of affairs in the Fire Department has had a most unfavorable effect upon the morale of its members. They are now complaining bitterly over what they claim to be failure on the part of the City Government to make proper provision for their safety, as fire fighters, and for the protection of the lives and property of citizens in general. It is a situation that cannot be ignored.

In view of existing conditions in all departments, it will not be possible at this time for us to completely remedy the conditions that have developed over a period of years. However, we must give to our firemen a deserved hearing and a sympathetic understanding of their difficulties. We should confer with their leaders in a sincere effort to work out a long-range program for the building of an effective fire-fighting organization.

Such a program should be designed to bring about the earliest possible improvement in departmental affairs with a minimum expenditure of public funds.

Fire Department officials are emphasizing what they claim to be an immediate need for a new truck with an 85 foot aerial ladder. The fact that the purchase of such a truck would necessitate the remodeling and enlargement of the Central Fire Station points up the "nature of things" as it relates to municipal affairs at this time.

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These, Gentlemen, constitute our major problems. I have placed them before you in a broad outline to give to you—and, through you, to the citizens of Somersworth—a general picture of things as they are. To present them in greater detail would serve no particular purpose at this time. This is true, also, of other problems—minor in nature—that confront us in other departments.

Despite the number and the seriousness of these problems, I am not in the least pessimistic as to Somersworth's future. The city is industrially and financially sound and the problems that we face are the outgrowth of conditions considered to be healthy for any community—such as industrial development, increased residential construction and population growth.



Evidence as to the financial soundness is found in the fact that, although we are in a position to borrow several times that amount, our total bonded indebtedness—exclusive of Water Department bonds—is actually less than \$100,000.

In this connection, however, I wish to point out that some, who minimize the problem of financing large expenditures, are using an assessed valuation of \$13 million as a basis for our borrowing capacity. While it is true that this is the valuation placed upon local property by the State Tax Commission for the purpose of figuring our County Tax, local assessors have valued this property at only \$8½ million for the purpose of local taxation.

Therefore—in making use of our borrowing capacity—I believe that we should follow the sound business policy of basing that capacity upon the same \$8½ million of valuation from which our revenue is derived. Otherwise, we could very well find ourselves in a position where our ability to borrow would greatly exceed our ability to pay. The possible effect upon our tax rate is not pleasant to contemplate.

In these jobs of ours, there are certain cold facts that must be faced. If, for instance, we are going to make sizeable expenditures to meet immediate and extraordinary needs, then it becomes necessary for us to effect economies in the ordinary and routine activities of the City Government, wherever possible, in order to compensate.

A high degree of efficiency must be maintained in all departments. The heads of these departments must hold their budget requests to a consistent minimum and must be expected to operate within their allowances.

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As a business man, I have had it brought forcefully to my attention that the day of the seller's market—both in goods and services—is on the wane. Shortages are practically at an end and the labor market is not so tight as it has been in recent years.

It appears to me that certain practices and policies which, in the war and early post war eras, could probably have been justified on the grounds of expedience—despite the waste and added expense involved—can now no longer be tolerated.

Specifically, I believe that insofar as the business affairs of the City of Somersworth are concerned, there should be awarded no more cost-plus contracts and that no more contracts for any purpose should be negotiated without the vital element of competition.

I respectfully suggest to you gentlemen that, in the future, whenever sizeable purchases of materials, equipment and supplies are to be made and whenever there is pending the award of a sizeable contract for any project, we follow the time-honored and proven policy of calling for competitive bids. In no other way can the interests of our citizens be as well protected.

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As I have previously stated, we must be ever mindful of the fact that our city can progress and prosper most when there are a plentitude of jobs at good wages in a sound and diversified industrial set-up. Somersworth has been very fortunate in this respect in recent years and this good fortune in this respect in recent years and this good fortune has not been purely accidental. Neither have the benefits been one-sided.

This city has been attractive to industry because municipal authorities have been cooperative, because financial solvency precluded the necessity of excessive taxation, because, in a community of responsible, home-owning citizens, there has been encountered a minimum of labor strife and, as a result, industry could operate here in an atmosphere of all-around harmonious relations.

Knowing you gentlemen, I can give to the industrial concerns now operating here, and to any considering Somersworth as a prospective location for future operations, definite assurance that nothing will be done by this administration that will not, directly or indirectly, add to the attractiveness of Somersworth as an industrial community.

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I would be happy to be able to state at this time that the existing tax rate can be maintained during this administration.

With all of the problems that confront us, however, this could be done only in the event that you and I should prove to be so lacking in intelligence, courage and moral stamina as to abdicate our official responsibilities.

There are things that can and must be done. The people of Somersworth did not elect us in order that we could stand idly by and do nothing as bad situations become progressively worse. To the contrary, they recognized the existence of these situations and chose us in the hope of obtaining corrective action.

To the end that their hopes may be realized and that their con-

fidence in us may be justified, let us humbly pray to Almighty God that we may act wisely, conscientiously and effectively in their behalf.

In closing, I wish to publicly acknowledge the fine cooperation that has been given by the heads of all municipal departments during the past few weeks and to express to them my sincere appreciation.

I thank you, Gentlemen, for your kind attention.



# Ordinances, Resolutions, Petitions

## Ordinances

Amendment to Chapter 12, Section 2, relative to boxing bouts and wrestling exhibitions. Passed January 25, 1954.

An ordinance establishing a Building Code for the City of Somersworth. Passed March 2, 1954.

Amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1, relative to the compensation of the Building Inspector. Passed March 2, 1954.

Amendment to Chapter 12, Section 19, relative to a two hour parking regulation on the easterly side of Green Street from its intersection at Franklin Street to the intersection of Washington Street. Passed July 14, 1954.

Amendment to Chapter 18, Section 1, relative to the number of runners in the the Fire Department. Passed October 5, 1954.

Amendment to Chapter 13, Sections 18, 19 and 20 relative to a two hour parking and "U" turn regulations on Orange, Washington, Elm, Green, Franklin, Union, Spring, Water, Central, School, Walnut, Mount Auburn, Highland, Court, Page, Fore, Market and Spring streets.

## Resolutions

Resolution authorizing Finance Committee to borrow \$150,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Passed January 5, 1954.

Resolution authorizing Finance Committee to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00 to help defray expenses incurred for proposed observance of the City's 200th Anniversary. Passed March 2, 1954.

Resolution to concur with the Woman's Club relative to the sale of a parcel of land to Jacob Cohen. Passed March 18, 1954.

Resolution to accept the following streets: Daniel, Bennett, Patricia, Rowland, Cote, Drew, Edmund, Varney, Lemelin Court and Varney Court. Passed March 18, 1954.

Resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to borrow \$50,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Passed May 11, 1954.

Resolution authorizing Finance Committee to appropriate \$8,500.00

for the purchase of a Loader for the Highway Department. Passed May 11, 1954.

Resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to expend a sum not to exceed \$300.00 to be paid to the DAV. Passed June 1, 1954.

Resolution to concur with and approve recommendation of the School Board of City on Plan No. 3 and the appointment of a committee of three to serve with an equal number to be appointed by School Board. Passed June 17, 1954.

Resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to borrow \$20,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Passed July 14, 1954.

Resolution authorizing City Treasurer to issue and sell \$60,000.00 Bonds of the City for the construction of and/or extension to the City Water System. Passed September 7, 1954.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into negotiations to procure and establish a re-assessment and revaluation of taxable properties. Passed September 7, 1954.

Resolution authorizing City Treasurer to issue and sell \$450,000.00 bonds of the City for the construction and equipment of a school building. Passed October 13, 1954.

Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to issue and sell from time to time, not in excess of \$450,000.00 temporary notes. Passed October 13, 1954.

Resolution allocating 10% deduction of all special head taxes and penalties. Passed November 10, 1954.

Resolution authorizing Finance Committee to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$500.00 for Bicentennial Celebration. Passed November 10, 1954.

Resolution authorizing Finance Committee to make department transfers. Passed December 7, 1954.

Resolution authorizing Finance Committee to borrow the sum of \$60,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Passed December 7, 1954.

### Petitions

Petition for further investigation and to eliminate hazardous conditions existing on lower Market Street at a much used right-of-way

for vehicles and pedestrians crossing the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad at a bridge leading to industrial properties across the canal from Market Street. A special Committee was appointed in conjunction with City Engineer Sheahan and City Solicitor Cater to investigate and report back. Meeting of January 25, 1954.

Petition to officially recognize the ten member General Committee in connection with the proposed observance of Somersworth's 200th Anniversary. Granted February 2, 1954.

Petition for financial assistance for proposed observance of Somersworth's 200th Anniversary. Granted February 2, 1954.

Petition for financial assistance for proposed observance of Somersworth's 200th Anniversary. The Finance Committee was authorized to bring in a resolution for a suitable appropriation. Meeting of February 2, 1954.

Petition to install street lights from Granite State Park to Outdoor Theatre. Referred to Committee on Lights with power to act. Meeting of July 14, 1954.

Petition to complete work at end of Joyce Street. Referred to Committee on Highway to investigate and with power to act. Meeting of August 3, 1954.

Petition to oil Giroux, Cote and Laurier Streets. Referred to Committee on Streets. Meeting of September 7, 1954.

Petition to make regulations for parking on West side of Green Street. Referred to Special Parking Committee. Meeting of September 7, 1954.

Petition for erection of barber pole at 8 Franklin Street. Petition granted December 7, 1954.

Petition to erect and maintain a telephone pole on Mt. Vernon Road and three on Mt. Vernon Street. Granted December 7, 1954.

Petition for permit to hang a sign at 54 High Street. Granted December 7, 1954.



# City Government

1954

<b>Mayor</b>	Edward S. Charpentier
<b>City Clerk</b>	Napoleon A. Berube
<b>Councilmen</b>	
<b>Ward 1</b>	<b>Field Driver</b>
Simeon Rainville	Albert J. Nadeau
Richard A. Gagnon	<b>Auditors</b>
<b>Ward 2</b>	Margaret C. O'Connell
Norman A. Fournier	Hayward C. Logan
Louis P. Chasse	<b>Street Commissioner</b>
<b>Ward 3</b>	Omer T. DeRoy
William J. Vigneault	<b>City Solicitor</b>
Paul R. Blanchette	Leo H. Cater
<b>Ward 4</b>	<b>City Physician</b>
Joseph Aubert	W. Edmour Precourt, M. D.
Bernard C. McCabe	<b>Overseer of the Poor</b>
<b>Ward 5</b>	John J. Duffy
Alfred Perusse	<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>
Ludrope Camire	Albert A. Tapscott
<b>City Treasurer</b>	<b>Board of Health</b>
Blanche Lagueux	John J. Duffy, Chairman
<b>Collector of Taxes</b>	Peter N. Chasse, Clerk
Joseph F. McKeon	W. E. Precourt, M. D.
<b>Sanitary Officer</b>	<b>Building Inspector</b>
Peter N. Chasse	Harold V. Sheahan,
<b>City Messenger</b>	resigned Sept. '54
Albert E. Boisvert	Joseph L. Bernier, unexpired
<b>City Engineer</b>	term ending Feb. '56
Harold V. Sheahan	<b>Municipal Court</b>
<b>Probation Officer</b>	Clovis I. Desmarais, Judge
Frank H. Kinsman	Arthur Gilbert, Clerk,
<b>Fence Viewer</b>	resigned Nov. 15, 1954
Noel C. Chasse	Raoul A. Turmelle, appointed
	Nov. 15, 1954

**Police Commissioners**

Anthony W. Zabrick, Chairman

Phil O. Wentworth, Jr., Clerk

Joseph E. Langelier, term expired Aug. 31, '54

Paul E. Normandeau, appointed Aug. 31, '54

Emile J. Gauvin,

Assistant Marshal

**Patrolmen**

William J. Orr

Howard Wooley

Robert Bickford

Charles J. Boucher

Charles G. Deshaies

Joseph Dreinczyk

Ronald Gage

Charles Perry

**Police Officers**Charles A. Parsons, Marshal,  
resigned Aug. 31, '54

Lewis W. Perkins, Marshal

**Department of Public Instruction**

Lorenzo T. Ross, Chairman

Elizabeth M. Ball, Secretary

**Members**

Elizabeth M. Ball, Lorenzo T. Ross, Raymond N. Vezeau, Albert J. Nadeau, Paul Bernier

Appointed by Council—Rene Morin, John F. Beamis, Joseph M. Downey, Martin J. Flanagan and Dr. Lionel U. Bergeron

**Standing Committees for 1954-55**

FINANCE—The Mayor, Councilmen Rainville and Fournier

ROADS, BRIDGES and DRAINS—The Mayor, Councilmen Fournier and Rainville

BILLS IN THEIR SECOND READING—Councilmen Chasse, Perusse and Camire

ENGROSSED BILLS and RESOLUTIONS—Councilmen Perusse, Blanchette and Gagnon

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Councilmen Aubert, Camire and Chasse

CLAIMS and ACCOUNTS—Councilmen Aubert, Vigneault and Gagnon

PRINTING—The Mayor, Councilmen McCabe and Perusse

FIRE—Councilmen Fournier, McCabe and Vigneault

ORDINANCES—Councilmen Chasse, Blanchette and Perusse

POLES and WIRES—Councilmen Aubert, Gagnon and McCabe

STREET LIGHTS—Councilmen Vigneault, Camire and Blanchette

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY—Councilmen Rainville, Fournier and Chasse

ELECTIONS and RETURNS—Councilmen Camire, McCabe and Rainville

### Fire Department

Chief Engineer—Albert M. Lessard

First Deputy Engineer—John F. Lucey

Second Deputy Engineer—Joseph R. Lucier

### Water Commissioners

Placide J. Lagueux, Chairman, for unexpired term ending January, 1955

Spencer S. Furbush, term expires January, 1957

Napoleon A. Habel, term expires January, 1956

Clerk and Superintendent, John R. Hodsdon, term expires December, 31, 1954

### Board of Assessors

Chairman, Clovis G. Chabot, term expires January, 1957

Clerk, Fred J. Coffin, term expires January, 1955

Rudolph O. Carignan, resigned April 1, 1954

Roland J. Boucher, unexpired term ending January, 1956

### Trustees of Trust Funds

Mary C. Furbush, term expires January 1, 1957

Gerard L. Gaudreau, term expires January 1, 1956

John R. Hodsdon, term expires January 1, 1955

### Public Library Trustees

Gerard Gaudreau, term expires January, 1959

Celopie Semitros, term expires January, 1958

Max Isacoff, term expires January, 1957

Roland A. Jenkins, term expires January, 1956

Henry P. Mullen, term expires January, 1955

### Forest Glade Cemetery Trustees

Mary C. Furbush, term expires January, 1959

Frank H. Kinsman, term expires January, 1958

Fred H. Brown, term expires January, 1957

Fred Legro, term expires January, 1956

Melanie F. Sullivan, term expires January, 1955

### Supervisors of the Checklists

Margaret M. Zabrick, term expires September 1, 1955; Thomas L. Peron, Chairman, term expires September 1, 1954; John J. Duffy, term expires September 1, 1953; Annie Chasse, Clerk, term expires September 1, 1952; Oliver F. Colburn, term expires September 1, 1951.



**Planning Board**

Edward S. Charpentier, Mayor; Harold V. Sheahan, City Engineer;  
William J. Vigneault, Councilman, administrative member  
James F. O'Malley, a six year term ending in 1959  
E. Elmore Graves, a five year term ending in 1958  
Edward H. Kennedy, a four year term ending in 1957  
Herman Horne, a three year term ending in 1956  
John C. Malley, a two year term ending in 1955  
Paul E. Normandeau, a six year term ending January, 1960

**Adjustment Board**

James F. Malley, term expires July, 1959  
John F. Beamis, term expires July, 1958  
Paul E. Normandeau, term expires July, 1957  
Clovis G. Chabot, resigned March 2, 1954  
Francis C. Vincent, unexpired term ending July, 1956  
Rene Morin, term expires July, 1955

**Board of Examination of Plumbers**

George W. Dumais                      Albert Tapscott                      Ambrose LaFleur

**Park Commissioners**

The Mayor, ex-officio, Edward S. Charpentier; W. E. Precourt, M. D.,  
term expires April, 1953; Rene A. Morin, term expires April, 1955

**Weighers of Hay, Coal and Straw**

John R. Hodsdon, Adjutor Turgeon, Ted Pappajohn, Leonard Ferland,  
Grafton J. Covey, Rudolph J. Arsenault

**Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber**

William M. Ames, Harold V. Sheahan, Leonard Ferland

# Reports of City Officials

## CITY CLERK

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of collections and remittances to the City Treasurer for year ending December 31, 1954:

Collections by City Clerk		Remitted to City Treas.	
1953 Auto Registration Permits	\$ 241.33	\$ 241.33	
1954 Auto Registration Permits	24,347.67	24,347.67	
Dog Licenses	230.66	230.66	
Rent—Pleasant Street Property	43.02	43.02	
Rent—High Street Garages	102.00	102.00	
Reimbursement Blue Cross	52.40	52.40	
Receipts—Building Inspector	343.00	343.00	
Election Filing Fees	23.00	23.00	
Sale of Maps	6.50	6.50	
Special Deposit—Sewer Extensions	468.00	468.00	
<b>Miscellaneous Licenses:</b>			
Theatre, auto races, dances	\$ 354.50		
Taxi Licenses	60.00		
Pool Room and Bowling Alley Licenses	200.00		
Total collected by City Clerk	614.50		
<b>Collected by Charles A. Parsons,</b>			
<b>Marshal:</b>			
Beano Permits	50.00		
Gun Permits	28.00		
Junk Licenses	25.00		
Coffee House Licenses	15.00		
<b>Collected by Marshal L. W. Perkins:</b>			
Beano	10.00		
Total collected by Police Department	128.00		

Collected by Peter N. Chasse,

Sanitary Officer:

Milk Licenses

72.00

Total Miscellaneous Licenses

\$ 814.50

\$ 814.50

Respectfully submitted,

NAPOLEON A. BERUBE,

City Clerk

Approved:

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,

M. C. O'CONNELL,

Auditors



## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I submit my Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1954.

1954 .....	322,338.61
1953 .....	31,835.73
1953 Interest .....	179.62
1952 .....	777.46
1952 Interest .....	19.87
1951 .....	63.74
1950 .....	4.00
1949 .....	2.00
1954 Timber Tax .....	679.76
1953 Timber Tax .....	50.58
1953 Timber Tax Int. ....	1.02
1954 Head Tax .....	16,540.00
1954 Head Tax Penalty .....	4.50
1953 Head Tax .....	2,480.00
1953 Head Tax Penalty .....	248.00
Sundries Redemptions .....	1,165.53
Sundries Tax Sales Cost .....	78.04

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1954

#### DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector as of August 14, 1954.

Property Tax and Bank Stocks	\$ 354,971.13
(Property) Poll Tax	6,418.00

Total Warrant	\$ 361,389.13	\$ 361,389.13
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Added Taxes:

Property Tax	96.92
Poll Tax	226.00

Total Debits	\$ 361,712.05
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#### CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
Year ending December 31, 1954.

Property Tax	\$ 317,101.69
Property Tax Added	96.92
Poll Tax	4,914.00
Poll Tax Added	226.00
Property Tax Abatements	581.08
Poll Tax Abatements	316.00
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955	
Property Tax	37,288.36
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955	
Poll Tax	1,188.00
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Total Credits	\$ 361,712.05

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1954**

**TIMBER TAX**

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector as of November 1, 1954.

**DR.**

Timber Tax	\$ 706.64	
Total Debits		\$ 706.64

**CR.**

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
year ending December 31, 1954.

Timber Tax	\$ 679.76	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955	26.88	
Total Credits		\$ 706.64

**LEVY OF 1953**

**DR.**

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954.

Property Tax	\$ 35,598.75	
Poll Tax	1,322.00	
Interest	179.62	
Total Debits	<hr/>	\$ 37,100.37

**CR.**

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
year ending December 31, 1954.

Property Tax	\$ 31,069.73
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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Poll Tax	766.00	
Interest	179.62	
Abatements, Property Tax	119.09	
Abatements, Poll Tax	434.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955		
Property Tax	4,409.93	
Poll Tax	122.00	
Total Credits	<u>                    </u>	\$ 37,100.37

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1949

## DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954.

Poll Taxes	\$ 24.00	
Total Debits	<u>                    </u>	\$ 24.00

## CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
Year ending December 31, 1954.

Poll Taxes	\$ 2.00	
Abatements	22.00	
Total Credits	<u>                    </u>	\$ 24.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1950

## DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954.

Poll Taxes	\$ 20.00	
Total Debits	<u>                    </u>	\$ 20.00

## CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
Year ending December 31, 1954.

Poll Taxes	\$ 4.00	
Abatements	\$ 6.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955	10.00	
Total Credits		\$ 20.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1951

## DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954.

Property Tax	\$ 108.75	
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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Poll Tax	108.00	
Total Debits	_____	\$ 216.75

## CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
Year ending December 31, 1954.

Property Tax	\$ 51.74	
Poll Tax	12.00	
Abatements, Poll Tax	66.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955		
Property Tax	57.01	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955		
Poll Tax	30.00	
Total Credits	_____	\$ 216.75

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1952

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954.

## DR.

Property Tax	\$ 874.87	
Poll Tax	392.00	
Interest	19.87	
Total Debits	_____	\$ 1,286.74

## CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
Year ending December 31, 1954.

Property Tax	\$ 749.46	
Poll Tax	28.00	
Interest	19.87	
Abatements, Poll Tax	310.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955		
Property Tax	125.41	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955		
Poll Tax	54.00	
Total Credits	_____	\$ 1,286.74

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1954

## HEAD TAX

## DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector as of May 28, 1954.

Head Taxes, Reg.	\$ 19,960.00
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Head Tax, Added	290.00	
Head Tax, Penalty	4.50	
Total Debits		\$ 20,254.50

## CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
Year ending December 31, 1954.

Head Taxes, Reg.	\$ 16,250.00	
Head Taxes, Added	290.00	
Head Taxes, Penalty	4.50	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955	3,350.00	
Abatements	360.00	
Total Credits		\$ 20,254.50

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

## LEVY OF 1953

## HEAD TAXES

## DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954.

Head Taxes	\$ 3,350.00	
Head Taxes, Added	190.00	
Head Taxes, Penalty	248.00	
Total Debits		\$ 3,788.00

## CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
Year ending December 31, 1954.

Head Taxes	\$ 2,290.00	
Head Taxes, Added	190.00	
Head Taxes, Penalty	248.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1955	145.00	
Abatements	915.00	
Total Credits		\$ 3,788.00

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

## LEVY OF 1953

## TIMBER TAX

## DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954.

Timber Tax	\$ 50.58	
Interest	1.02	
Total Debits		\$ 51.60

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal  
Year ending December 31, 1954.

Timber Tax	\$	50.58	
Interest		1.02	
Total Credits		<hr/>	\$ 51.60

# SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF DEC. 31, 1954

	DR.		
	1953	1952	1951
Sales to City during current Years	\$ 1,591.96	\$ 470.60	\$ 52.27
Interest	4.81	31.52	20.39
Total Debits	<hr/> \$ 1,596.77	\$ 502.12	\$ 72.66

	CR.		
	1953	1952	1951
Redemptions	\$ 672.20	\$ 384.32	\$ 52.27
Interest	4.81	31.52	20.39
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes	919.76	86.26	
Total Credits	<hr/> \$ 1,596.77	\$ 502.12	\$ 72.66
Sundries Tax Sales Cost—\$78.04			

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. McKEON,  
Tax Collector

Audited and Approved:  
HAYWARD C. LOGAN,  
M. C. O'CONNELL,

Approved by Assessors:  
CLOVIS G. CHABOT  
FRED J. COFFIN  
ROLAND BOUCHER



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 17, 1955

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Somersworth, N. H.

I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954:

### Arrests

Drunk	20
Throwing refuse on highway	2
Non-Support	7
Assault	8
Evading taxi fare	1
Violation Probation	1
Neglect of minor child	1
Resisting officer	2
Interfering with officer	1
Indecent exposure of person	1
Selling mortgaged property	1
Disturbing peace	4
Bastardy	1
Contempt of Court	2
Grand Larceny	2
Vagrancy	1
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	55

### Juvenile Docket

Theft and B and E	4
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### Motor Vehicle

Operating under influence	19
Gross careless and negligent operating	10
Unreasonable speed	41
Leaving scene of accident	3
Operating without license	11
Misuse of plates	3
Allowing unlicensed person to operate	1
Failure to stop at stop sign	15
Failure to stop for officer	6
Passing school bus flashing lights	24

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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Operating after right denied	3
No inspection	13
Operating without lights	4
Operating without corrective glasses	1
Operating unregistered automobile	1
Passing on solid yellow line	2
Operating without insurance on file	1
Operating on expired temporary plate	1
Obstructing highway	1
Inadequate brakes	1
Making false statement M. V. D.	1
Operating after license suspended	1
Overloaded truck	2

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 165

Arrests total	55
Juvenile total	4
Motor vehicle total	165

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 Total arrests for year 224

## Disposition Of Cases

Paid fines to Court	178
Placed on File	5
Committed to House of Correction	13
To pay restitution	3
Dismissed	1
Bail forfeited	1
Cases continued for sentence	4
Sentence suspended	1
Placed on good behavior	1
Custody Welfare Department	1
Nol prossed	3
Sent to Industrial School	5
Turned over to Probation Department	2
Appealed to Superior Court	3
Probable cause found for Superior Court	3

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 Total 224

## January 1, to December 31, 1954

Accidents reported to Police	174
Automobiles damaged	232

Property damaged by accident	15
Adults injured by accidents	25
Minors injured by accidents	8
Dogs killed by automobile	23
Dogs disposed of by police	51
Complaints about dogs	10
Assists to persons	144
Assists, other departments	134
Assists, other police	104
Persons for safekeeping	42
Persons for lodging	172
Street lights reported out	157
Doors and windows found unlocked	307
Fire alarms answered	22
False alarms	1
Goods reported stolen	25
Goods reported stolen, recovered	10
Goods reported lost	15
Goods reported lost, recovered	9
Suicide by shooting	2
Burned to death	1
Adults reported missing	7
Adults reported missing, located	7
Minors reported missing	7
Minors reported missing, located	7
Drowning	1
Attempted suicide by drowning prevented	1
Beer license suspended	1
Persons taken to hospital by cruiser	13
Assists to U. S. Army	1
Assists to F. B. I.	2
Bicycles reported stolen	12
Bicycles recovered	9
Automobiles reported stolen	5
Automobiles recovered	5
Escaped from House of Correction, apprehended	1
Larceny	22
Larceny, cleared	6
Breaking and entering	9
Breaking and entering, cleared	3
Robbery	1
Complaints received and taken care of by police	804

There were No Fatal Accidents for year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS W. PERKINS,  
Chief of Police

## MUNICIPAL COURT

To His Honor, the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Municipal Court of the City of Somersworth for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

### Arrests

Drunk	20
Throwing refuse on highway	2
Non-Support	7
Assault	8
Evading taxi fare	1
Violating Probation	1
Neglect of minor child	1
Resisting an Officer	2
Indecent exposure of person	1
Selling mortgaged property	1
Interfering with an officer	1
Disturbing the peace	4
Bastardy	1
Contempt of Court	2
Grand Larceny	2
Vagrancy	1
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### Juvenile Docket

Theft and B and E	4
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### Motor Vehicle

Operating under the influence	19
Gross careless and negligent operating	10



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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Unreasonable speed	41
Leaving scene of accident	3
Operating without a license	11
Allowing unlicensed person to operate	1
Misuse of plates	3
Failure to stop at stop sign	15
Failure to stop for an officer	6
Passing school bus flashing lights	24
Operating after right denied	3
No inspection	13
Operating without lights	4
Operating without corrective glasses	1
Operating unregistered automobile	1
Passing on solid yellow line	2
Operating without insurance on file	1
Operating on expired temporary plates	1
Obstructing highway	1
Inadequate brakes	1
Making false statement M. V. D.	1
Operating after license suspended	1
Overloaded truck	2
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	165
Arrests total	55
Juvenile	4
Motor vehicle	165
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	224

## Disposition of Cases

Paid fine to court	178
Placed on file	5
Committed to House of Correction	13
To pay restitution	3
Dismissed	1
Bail forfeited	1
Cases continued for sentence	4
Sentence suspended	1
Placed on good behavior	1
Custody Welfare Department	1
Nol prossed	3
Sent to Industrial School	5

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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Turned over to Probation Department	2
Appealed to Superior Court	3
Probable cause found for Superior Court	3
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	224
Small Claims	45
Civil Cases	0

## JANUARY 1st to NOVEMBER 15th Arthur Gilbert, Clerk of Court

RECEIPTS	\$	5,580.15
Refund for over-deposit to City Treasurer		331.84
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	\$	5,911.99
EXPENSES		
City Treasurer	\$	3,600.00
Motor Vehicles and Sundries		2,311.99
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	\$	5,911.99

## NOVEMBER 15th to DECEMBER 31st Raoul Turmelle, Clerk of Court

RECEIPTS	\$	944.25
EXPENSES —	\$	885.70
Motor Vehicles	\$	219.30
Witness Fees		62.40
Bail to Superior Court		600.00
Supplies		4.00
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	\$	885.70
Balance Cash on Hand		58.55
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	\$	944.55

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL TURMELLE,  
Clerk

## CITY SOLICITOR

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the year 1954.

During the year a considerable number of referrals of a legal nature were made to this office by various departments of the City Government, with counsel being given or action taken as the problems required. In addition, civil suit in the Rollins case was continued and suit was brought against the City of Somersworth by Strafford County to recover medical expenses rendered to a respondent convicted in Municipal Court.

A continuing large number of criminal cases were prosecuted, and the usual cooperation was given to police, fire, health and welfare departments in the matter of investigation and prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO H. CATER,  
City Solicitor

## FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

Herewith we submit a report of the affairs of the Forest Glade Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1954, as made up by the clerk.

Receipts	
Trust fund income	\$ 1,706.80
Appropriations	7,000.00
Income	1,706.85
Total income	<hr/> \$ 10,413.65
Expenditures	
Labor	\$ 7,473.84
Supplies	2,572.10
	<hr/> 10,045.94
	<hr/> \$ 367.71

The past season has been marked by the great amount of rainfall which has necessitated an increase in the amount of times the lots have been mowed over the past few previous dry years, all lots have been mowed, clipped and raked ten times this season. The ruling effective January, 1954 that no interments be made in Forest Glade Cemetery without a liner or cement vault has partly resulted in an increase of the amount of expenditures of supplies and also an increase in the amount of cemetery income over previous years. The total income and the amount of expenditures allowed us to keep within the appropriation and left an unexpended balance of \$367.71. During the past year, water lines have been extended on several avenues in the North end of the cemetery, where no water has been available in the past, seven hundred feet of one inch pipe and 12 faucets have been made available to lot owners. Oil hard top roads have been given a coat of Tarvia using 3,000 gallons on this project.

Ninety-two sunken graves were refilled and returfed. Sixty urns were painted. Fifty-six stones straightened up. 120 avenue sign posts repainted. The interior of office and rest-room was repainted. 40 sprinklers painted and 12 pails were painted. The American Legion lot was resurfaced with new loam, fertilizer and seed.



Due to the two hurricanes, several of the large pines were uprooted and blown over, causing considerable damage to approximately sixty-one stones, two iron fences surrounding lots plus the damage to twenty-one lots which will have to be resurfaced in the Spring. An agreement with Ames Construction, to remove the trees with the exception of the trunks was made at no cost to the department, resulting in no hurricane damage expense this year. There will be in the coming year an expenditure for the removal of stumps, repairs to stones and resurfacing of the damaged lots which we hope we will be able to handle under regular Cemetery expenditures.

(s) MELANIE SULLIVAN

(s) MARY C. FURBUSH

(s) FRANK H. KINSMAN

(s) FRED LEGRO

## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

December 31st, 1954

Forest Glade Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 56,171.24
Additional Deposits, 1954:	
Mrs. Henry King	200.00
Ida Clement	200.00
Elisha C. Andrews	100.00
Somersworth Trust Fund in Somersworth Savings Bank	56,671.24
Chandler Trust Fund in Somersworth Savings Bank	2,000.00

Trustees of the Trust Fund:

MARY C. FURBUSH  
GERARD L. GAUDREAU  
JOHN R. HODSDON

We certify that we have examined the books of the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the city of Somersworth January 15, 1954 and found them correct.

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,  
M. C. O'CONNELL,  
Auditors  
City of Somersworth

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 3, 1955

To the Trustees of the Somersworth Public Library:

The Librarian's report for 1954 is herewith presented.

There is assurance that what the Library is giving to the city is appreciated.

We have always been convinced that one dependable method to arouse and maintain interest is to make available the newest publications. Although the "List of Best Sellers" is not entirely our criterion for the purchase of new books it is an important guide.

During the past year 469 new books were added to our collection and if it is a very small number of the many hundreds of volumes published it has met the demands of our patrons to a great extent.

Books have been accessioned every month during the year. Our custom of publishing lists of recent additions in the local Free Press and in Foster's Democrat meets with approval. These printed lists are available to patrons, making a complete record of new books added during the year.

A very much appreciated addition to our book stacks were the shelves built in the upstairs store room. Here may be placed material too valuable to discard but not much in demand. It may soon be necessary to have other stacks installed, as the main room becomes more crowded.

The lighting arrangement is very inadequate and should be remedied. I believe you are now considering a plan for that purpose. The library needs "face-lifting" and will receive a coat of paint during the summer months, we hope. This project should include the hall which is in a deplorable condition at present.

The following record of statistics for the year is presented:

Volumes in Library, January 1, 1954	22,298
Volumes added during 1954	469
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	22,767

(By purchase 443, by gift 26)

(Adult books 398, juvenile 71)

Volumes withdrawn from circulation	190
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Volumes in Library, January 1, 1955	22,577
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Number of magazines received by subscription	39
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Subscriptions of "America" from Rev. J. F. Happny and

"U. S. Coast Guard Magazine" from Mr. Joseph Pelletier were gifts.

The Somersworth Free Press and Foster's Daily Democrat were mailed from the publishers; the W. C. T. U. gave a subscription to "The Young Crusader." Book marks were again furnished by Mrs. Ann Coolidge.

Mrs. Dorothy Ricker and Miss Mildred Danforth presented a two volume edition of "Cassell's Encyclopedia of World Literature" in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Danforth of Berwick.

The S. H. S. seniors presented a copy of their 1954 "Hilltop Echo."

### Circulation of Books

For lack of time no record was made of reference questions answered but there were hundreds of them.

The number of books borrowed was 18,465; of this number 12,048 were adult books and 6,417 were books for children; 11,624 were fiction and 6,841 were non-fiction.

The books borrowed for home reading were divided into the following classes.

General Works	36
Philosophy	137
Religion	126
Social Sciences	824
Literature	318
Natural Sciences	439
Useful Arts	756
Fine Arts	630
History	322
Travel	377



Biography	915
Music	41
Pamphlets	207
Periodicals	1704

At this time I wish to express my appreciation for your assistance in helping to solve some of our problems.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONA H. SAVITHES,  
Librarian

## TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:  
Gentlemen:

We, the Trustees of the Somersworth Public Library, submit our report for the year 1954. During the past years, it was the policy of the trustees to allow out-of-town patrons to obtain books at the small fee of twenty-five cents a quarter. This privilege, however, was so many times abused by the failure to return the books borrowed that the cost of recovery of the books was greater than the original fee charged. Because of this abuse, the trustees raised the annual fee to two dollars a year and adopted the state law covering delinquency on the part of library patrons.

We are grateful to the Mayor and the Committee on Public Buildings for the installation of new racks in the rooms formerly occupied by the Council. These racks provide more space for the new books which are added each month.

The culture of a city is judged more or less by the atmosphere of its library and the scope and standard of its books. As to the latter, we cannot praise too highly the splendid work of our librarian in her selection of our books and magazines. She has managed to meet the desires of her patrons both in the quantity and the quality of the literature they demand and still stay within the limitations of our meager budget. As to the former, however, very little can be said favorably. The walls and ceiling have become dingy and are badly in need of renovation. The lighting system, long antiquated, should be replaced by modern fluorescent lamps which would not only improve the appearance of the interior but would also add to the practicability of the reading tables. We hope that it will be possible to have these improvements made this year.

We, the Trustees, wish to express our deepest appreciation for the cooperation you have given us during the year.

HENRY P. MULLEN, Chairman  
MISS CELOPIE SEMITROS,  
ROLAND JENKINS,  
MAX ISACOFF,  
GERARD GAUDREAU,  
Trustees

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

Buried Nuisance	180
Complaints from other sources	80
Disinfection of houses	20
Issued 36 milk licenses at \$2.00 each	\$72.00
Issued 1 milk license exempt by law of fee	1
Contagious Diseases:	
Polio	4

Respectfully submitted,

PETER N. CHASSE,  
Sanitary Officer

## WATER WORKS

December 31, 1954

Board of Water Commissioners  
Somersworth, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The following, under regular departmental operations were accomplished the past year.

Services Repaired	34	Frozen Meters	11
Services Renewed	14	New Meters Installed	50
New Services	34	Meter Readings Checked	23
Hydrants Repaired	4	Leaks Checked	23
New Hydrants Installed	3	Cellars Pumped	29
Rocky Hill Rd.,		Hydrants Flushed	162
Main and Grove Sts.		Repairs to Mains	3
Meters Changed	13	Maple St. Ext.	
Meters Checked	21	Court and High Sts.	
Meter Repairs	26		

On the advice and recommendation of the Scott Bros. of Clinton, Mass., representatives of the Worthington Pump Co., the Worthington pump in Well No. 2 was replaced with a new Worthington at an added expenditure of \$3,666.09. Including this unforeseen expenditure, the regular departmental expenditures show a slight decrease over the year 1954.

1953 Expenditures	\$35,269.28
1954 Expenditures	\$35,232.22
Decrease	\$ 37.06

Following is the itemized account of expenditures of the Department for the year.



## Exhibit A

**Somersworth Water Works  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET  
As At December 31, 1954 and 1953**

ASSETS			
	December 31		Increases or (Decreases)
Fixed Assets	1954	1953	
Land	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$
Cash Bond Issue	1,537.35	1,360.78	176.57
Water Supply Structure	22,491.01	22,491.01	
Pumping Station Structure	32,869.20	32,869.20	
Water Supply Equipment	35,913.22	35,913.22	
Pumping Station Equipment	14,147.27	11,199.77	2,947.50
Purification Equipment	1,076.18	1,076.18	
Water Storage Equipment	17,683.81	17,683.81	
Distribution Mains	303,586.44	243,451.44	60,135.00
Services	41,474.36	36,157.60	5,316.76
Hydrants	25,885.49	20,857.49	5,100.00
Meters	21,152.18	19,934.18	1,218.00
Truck	5,104.84	5,104.84	
Other Equipment	1,087.25	1,087.25	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 526,208.60	\$ 451,314.77	\$ 74,893.83
Current Assets			
Material and Supplies	9,590.09	12,322.28	( 2,732.19)
Accounts Receivable	14,632.27	19,579.64	( 4,947.37)
Total Current Assets	24,222.36	31,901.92	( 7,679.56)
Stand-pipe Repairs (Note)		2,483.52	( 2,483.52)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 550,430.96	\$ 485,700.21	\$ 64,730.75
LIABILITIES			
Capital Liabilities			
Municipal Investment	\$ 100,392.79	\$ 100,392.79	
Funded Debt	188,000.00	136,000.00	52,000.00
Total Capital Liabilities	288,392.79	236,392.79	52,000.00
Contributions to Aid in Construction	29,161.30	21,420.35	7,740.95

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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Reserve for Depreciation	176,182.95	168,754.89	7,428.06
Accrued Interest		30.00	( 30.00)
Surplus	56,693.92	59,102.18	( 2,408.26)

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TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 550,430.96 \$ 485,700.21 \$ 64,730.75

Note — The stand-pipe repairs were written off over a period of five years.

## Exhibit B

Somersworth Water Works  
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
For The Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1953

Income	1954	1953
Commercial Sales and Job Work	\$ 60,368.02	\$ 48,041.10
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Pumping Station, Labor	1,824.80	1,615.86
Pumping Station, Expense	537.37	636.22
Power Purchased	5,018.06	4,419.05
Superintendence	1,820.00	1,802.00
Distribution Labor	254.14	70.20
Distribution of Supplies		205.16
Repairs to Mains	1,235.21	1,672.66
Repairs to Services	1,528.96	1,437.93
Repairs to Water Storage Equipment (Note)	2,483.52	2,754.20
Repairs to Hydrants	660.76	798.45
Repairs to Meters	561.88	879.08
Repairs to Wells	718.59	1,102.61
Office Salaries and Expense	2,088.30	1,388.12
General Expense	860.00	1,087.00
Insurance	52.94	343.09
Shop Expense	981.15	823.73
Truck Expense	680.53	480.53
Interest	2,758.75	2,956.25
Purification Expense	143.00	212.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<hr/> 24,207.96	<hr/> 24,684.14
Net Income before Depreciation	36,160.06	23,356.96
Depreciation	7,428.06	6,247.38
<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<hr/> \$ 28,732.00	<hr/> \$ 17,109.58

() Denotes Red

(Note) The repairs to the stand-pipe were written off over a five year period.

#### WATER PUMPED 1954

January	14321800	July	15373500
February	14750500	August	16190800
March	15873100	September	15441100
April	16912500	October	14978300
May	18026800	November	14394500
June	18761800	December	14639100

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189663800

Maximum    June 29    868500    Minimum    Sept. 19    216300

#### BOND EXPENDITURES

After careful consideration and study by the Commissioners at several meetings, upon request of many citizens for water extensions, a decision was arrived at and upon the issuance of a \$60,000 bond issue plus the 50% cost of Main extension charged to developer the following extensions have been completed.

This cost is accounted for in water main extensions in various streets as follows:

Street	Pipe		Hydrant	House	Total
	Sz.	Length	No.	Serv.	Cost
Morning St.	6"	486'	1	3	\$ 2,242.00
Morrison St.	6"	873'	1	4	3,663.00
Sunset Drive	6"	648'	1	3	2,809.00
Guy Patterson	6"	220'			
	10"	298'		2	2,543.00
Staples Project	6"	2970'	3		11,414.00
Midway Park	6"	192'		3	873.00
Alley (Franklin)	4"	168'		2	648.00
Green St. Project					
Union St.	8"	250'		1	1,205.00
Ind. Hill Rd.	8"	826'	1	14	5,036.00
Green St.	8"	6260'	7	25	32,540.00
Clement Road	8"	1640'	1	5	6,415.00
		14,831'	15	62	\$69,389.00

Total		7336'	8" Pipe
		298'	10" Pipe
168'	4" Pipe	15	Hydrants
7029'	6" Pipe	62	House Services
Total Length Main		14,831 ft. — 2.8 Miles	

The unit costs are based on the average costs of all streets and therefore vary on account of ledge excavation and street surface, etc.

Unit cost of installing 4" pipe	\$3.06 per lin. ft.
Unit cost of installing 6" pipe	\$3.50 per lin. ft.
Unit cost of installing 8" pipe	\$4.55 per lin. ft.
Unit cost of installing 10" pipe	\$5.50 per lin. ft.
Unit cost of installing Hydrants	\$340.00 each
Unit cost of installing House Services	\$67.00 each

## RECOMMENDATIONS

During the past year experience gained from two hurricanes has proven beyond any doubt that the purchase of a gasoline engine to be used in such emergencies, to insure water for all purposes, fire protection, etc., would be guaranteed in case of power failure which occurred and caused us many anxious hours. The new pump purchased this year included the necessary equipment for an immediate change-over. The present system and standpipe supply when filled to capacity assures us of an adequate supply for approximately thirty-six hours.

Consideration should also be given to the recommendations of water specialists and engineers in relation to the extension of a 10" Main line from the junction of Rochester Street and Rocky Hill Road via Maple Street. Extension, Cemetery Road to High Street to increase pressure and supply to this area and the West High Street extension.

At all times a new well should be considered for emergency purposes due to the possibility of the failure of either of our present wells plus the added extensions to the system.

The purchase of seventy-five new meters would enable us to meter the homes constructed and under construction at the present.

JOHN R. HODSDON,  
Superintendent



## OVERSEER OF THE POOR

## CITY OF SOMERSWORTH FOR THE YEAR 1954

## DIRECT RELIEF, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, SOLDIERS' AID AND OFFICE EXPENSE MONTHLY

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B&C	off. ex.	O.A.A.	No. Fam. No. No. Sing.				Total
										of	Exp. of	in	Exp.	No. Total
Jan.	69.00		8.30				201.60	18.85	372.62	30	15.00	1	4	260.60 16 670.37
Feb.	54.00		8.40			187.00	104.18	19.90	365.13	30				353.38 15 738.61
Mar.	84.00		8.40	14.00			121.85	56.55	345.63	30	38.00	5	15	190.25 15 630.43
Apr.	96.00		8.40	14.00	75.00	566.90	147.13	10.55	382.38	29	38.00	5	15	869.46 21 1300.39
May	72.00	8.26	8.15			222.10	197.45	9.70	350.38	29	6.00	1	3	301.93 19 868.04
June	90.00			14.00	4.05		184.60	11.20	343.63	29	38.00	5	15	254.65 16 647.43
July	72.00	.58			3.85	10.00	192.60	11.45	312.38	29				275.03 18 602.86
Aug.	66.00	7.61			5.20		192.60	10.45	306.00	27				271.41 17 587.86
Sept.	72.00	5.00			40.14		177.89	11.85	294.38	26				295.03 24 601.26
Oct.	72.00		23.20		10.35	57.50	168.60	11.40	278.63	26	14.80	1	2	315.85 21 621.68
Nov.	66.00	2.85	16.80		220.00	269.05	81.65	13.45	289.04	23	16.80	2	7	636.70 18 955.99
Dec.	141.00		25.90			14.00	87.39	42.49	255.13	23	83.75	6	30	187.39 18 568.76
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\$954.00 24.30 107.55 42.00 358.59 1326.56 1857.56 227.84 3895.33 331 250.35 25 91 4211.88 218 8793.73														
SOLDIERS' AID MONTHLY FOR THE YEAR OF 1954														
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222.65 52.98 8.15 71.44 3526.80 244.74 20 54 3634.47 107 3882.08														
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## REFUND AND CREDIT ON O. A. A. SOLDIERS' AID AND DIRECT RELIEF

TOTAL COST  
JOHN J. DUFFY,  
Overseer of the Poor

12,675.81  
1,043.93

11,631.88

## OVERSEER OF THE POOR

## CITY OF SOMERSWORTH FOR THE YEAR 1954

## DIRECT RELIEF AND OFFICE EXPENSE FOR 1954 MONTHLY

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B&C	off ex.	Fam. No. Sing.	No.	Total
									Exp. of in	Exp.	
Jan.	69.00		8.30				201.60	18.85	15.00	1 4	260.60 16 297.75
Feb.	54.00		8.40			187.00	104.18	19.90			353.58 13 373.48
Mar.	84.00		8.40	14.00			121.85	56.55	38.00	5 15	190.25 15 284.80
Apr.	96.00		8.40	14.00	75.00	566.91	147.15	10.55	38.00	5 15	869.46 21 918.01
May	72.00	8.26	8.15			222.10	197.45	9.70	6.00	1 3	301.93 19 517.66
June	90.00			14.00	4.05		184.60	11.20	38.00	5 15	254.65 16 303.85
July	72.00	.58			3.85	10.00	192.60	11.45			275.03 18 290.48
Aug.	66.00	7.61			5.20		192.60	10.45			271.41 17 281.86
Sept.	72.00	5.00			40.14		177.89	11.85			295.03 24 306.88
Oct.	72.00		23.20		10.35	57.50	168.60	11.40	14.80	1 2	313.85 21 343.05
Nov.	66.00		16.80		220.00	269.65	81.65	13.45	16.80	2 7	636.70 18 666.95
Dec.	141.00	2.85	25.90			14.00	87.39	42.49	83.75	6 30	187.29 18 313.63
Total	\$954.00	24.30	107.55	42.00	358.59	1326.56	1857.56	227.84	250.35	26 91	4211.88 218 4898.40

**FIRE CHIEF**

Somersworth, N. H.

January 3, 1955

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my 1954 report of the Somersworth Fire Department as follows:

Engineers Calls	22
Brush and Grass Alarms	15
Dump Calls	5
Out of Town Calls	8
Box Alarms	24
Still Alarms	46
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Total Alarms	120

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT M. LESSARD,  
Chief

## STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

January 3, 1955

To the Honorable Mayor and Council:

The following is a report of work done during the year 1954 and some of the improvements that have been made which proved a time saver as well as savings in dollars. I am not listing these in their order as I have not the time to do so.

**Culverts:** Under this heading we installed a 6 ft. diameter culvert 32 feet long to replace the wooden bridge on the Salmon Falls Road at Mast Point Dam. We put a 2 ft. diameter Culvert and lowered it at Tate's Brook. We also replaced a 15 inch culvert at Brick St. that had broken and was partially blocked.

On sewer work we had frequent trouble due to the hurricanes. We had to put an 18 in. line from Elm St. to the Back St. in rear of Filion's block. This line replaced a sewer that was composed of part stone sewer and part rotted Akron line. The sewer line has been a source of trouble for the past 4 or 5 years. Also due to the hurricane and the Bi-Centennial muster on Main St., part of the banking across from the theatre had been washed away and all rain storms caused it to be washed out more, so we put in a catch basin which has remedied that condition. Another culvert job was to put back two headers on the Wells Road culvert that were toppled over by the hurricane, and also one header on Indigo Hill Road before Malley's farm that went over from the force of the water.

A major job was on Eddy Bridge on the Back Road. During the hurricane, a large tree next to the bridge fell and the water ate into the wing abutment and caused it to topple in the river. The state, under the T.R.A. program furnished some men and I furnished three men with the Hough loader and a truck to fix it. Otherwise, the main bridge abutment would have been weakened.

On equipment repairs; other than routine repairs, the mechanic did a valve job on the Walters, the 47 Dodge, motor jobs on the two Sidewalk plows, replaced the head on the large roller. He also fixed all the plow riggings and made up two new plow frames to replace and improve the old ones.

**New Equipment:** In the past our broom on the sweeper has been sent out to be rewound which was rather expensive as well as



inconvenient, as we often had to wait four or five days. I had a frame made up whereby we could wind them ourselves. Having to have it made on the outside was expensive, however, we did not have the necessary equipment at the time. Now we fill our coils ourselves on rainy or bad weather and have a spare one at all times and the savings on freight alone is considerable and we can now wind three for what two used to cost us. Another piece of equipment which will prove to be a money saver is the sand screening device which I had made up. In past years, it has cost \$800 or more per year to get our sand screened. For a little over half of that cost, I had this frame made up which is movable and available when we need it whereas before we had to wait for a shovel when he was not busy elsewhere to screen our sand, oftentimes delaying tarring or bringing in wet sand.

The third and most important piece in the electric welder which I had wanted for some time. The cost of welding has been as much as \$800.00 per year plus having to wait at times while he was doing jobs for others. His cost of labor is more than double what my mechanic gets and he puts in new stock at 20 cents or more per pound whereas I get scrap iron for 6 cents per pound which fills the bill just as well.

Due to the hurricane, with permission from the mayor, I bought a power saw which paid for itself in no time and we still have it and will have much more use for it as we still have much wood to cut up in saw mill length to have cut up into lumber.

The Bi-Centennial added much to our work load as we had to set up and prepare for the many varied activities and it amounted to 387 man hours.

On sidewalk construction, we had built the one on Washington St. on the South side from Elm St. to Main St. before the hurricane and we had also prepared the sidewalk on the south side of Mt. Auburn St. prior to the hurricane, so we did lay that sidewalk and that was the extent of sidewalk work.

The tarring program was also curtailed due to the two hurricanes, however, we did tar which used 10,750 gals.

Bartlett Ave., two coats; Varney Street; Varney Court; Maple St. from Page; Maple St. Extension and Rochester Street.

The disastrous happening was the Hurricane Carol on August 31st and Hazel on September 16, 1954. The latter was the less severe

of the two, however, we suffered from washouts and much sewer trouble. Carol was very harmful in respect to damage to trees. The total man hours on hurricane work was 3408 hours for a cost of labor of \$4,021.44 and equipment and cost of cutting trees by Ralston of \$1,869.94 for a total cost of hurricane for 1954, of \$5,891.38. There is considerable more work to be done. There are still thousands of feet of lumber to be cut up, hauled to the mill and sawed up in lumber.

This about sums up the so-called extra work that was unforeseen at the beginning of the calendar year.

I at this time, would like to recommend for your consideration, conditions which I feel exist at the present time and steps will have to be taken in time to remedy them.

1. Replank our half of New Dam Bridge (in bad condition). Berwick replanked in 1954.

2. The barn is too small for the amount of equipment we now have and it causes delays in moving equipment, as often we have to move one or more pieces to get the desired one out.

3. Should trade two trucks. The 1947 Dodge has definitely out worn itself and is expensive to maintain and is dangerous to operate under some conditions. The 1949 Dodge is practically useless as it has built-in fenders and is not suitable to haul gravel, snow or hardly anything. It is a light duty truck and is in need of much expensive repair if it is to remain here. In fact if it is the choice of trading trucks, I recommend the 1949 Dodge going. I also would recommend the purchase of a 3½ or 4 ton truck.

The cost of labor for the year, I will now itemize.

Garbage	\$	8,732.59	Snow removal	\$	663.75
Work in Barn		4,944.79	Flood and Clean rink		53.69
Repair Mach.		1,821.92	Mix and patch streets		2,134.03
Holiday and Vacations		1,633.12	Cut brush		756.97
Sand streets		633.07	Playground, Ball		
Sand walks		167.56	field		1,193.57
Plow streets		1,054.33	Grade streets		161.66
Plow walks		143.37	Sweep streets		797.63
Salt streets		279.66	Culverts		479.67
Christmas display		265.50	Work for school		34.81
Clean receivers and			Putting up signs		58.41
repair		1,132.80	Tarring		169.33

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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Sewer	752.25	Building Sidewalks	279.07
Build roads	1,187.67	Screen and haul	
Push dump	276.71	sand	352.82
		Hurricane	4,021.44
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	\$ 23,025.84		
	11,156.90		\$ 11,156.90
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	\$ 34,182.24	\$20. per week Breton	
	1,560.00	\$10. per week extra	
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	\$ 35,742.24	Total Cost of Labor for 1954	

I am unable at this time to give a report of Department expenditures as I have not had sufficient time to compute the itemized accounts.

This report is lengthy, however, I felt it was necessary so as to enlighten you, the Honorable Mayor and Council as to the unforeseen work which we have had to do, and I wish to thank you Honorable Mayor and Council for cooperating with me on some jobs that should have been done sooner and some we did not do at all. As for the conditions and the many varied demands made it extremely difficult.

Respectfully submitted,

OMER T. DE ROY  
Street Commissioner.

## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

51 Residences, estimated cost	462,400.00
24 Alterations and Additions, estimated cost	59,549.00
21 Garages, estimated cost	16,025.00
9 Miscellaneous	22,350.00
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	\$ 560,324.00

Respectfully submitted,  
J. L. BERNIER,  
Building Inspector



## PLAYGROUND REPORT

To His Honor, The Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

The year 1954 will long be remembered by the thousands of Somersworth citizens and visitors who crowded every available inch of space at the Noble Pines and Playgrounds where a major part of the Bicentennial celebration was observed. All week long the city's guests strolled about this picturesque site enjoying the refreshing breezes and admiring the stately pines. Their remarks were very flattering and may be summed up in one sentence, "The most beautiful playground in New Hampshire."

A few of the activities which took place in the natural amphitheatre included: Homecoming Day, The Chicken Barbecue, The Historical Pageant, The Marathon, Children's Day, Sport's Day, Drill Competition, Band Concerts and finally the huge Fireworks Display. One of the highlights which delighted and thrilled the youngsters was a visit by Heavyweight Champion, Rocky Marciano.

Children's Day proved to be a huge success for thousands of children. Over 50 trophies, hundreds of ribbons and many beautiful dolls were distributed to those who participated in track and field events, bicycle races, doll carriage parades and many varied games. Close to a thousand youngsters enjoyed hot dogs, ice cream and tonic during the cookout. The playground supervisors, assisted by volunteer workers, served the line of children which extended the length of the baseball diamond.

Two-hundred and sixty-seven (267) children, drivers and chaperones, including a group from Berwick, were transported in over 40 cars and beach wagons to Boston, Saturday, July 24, to attend the Boston Red Sox-Chicago White Sox game at Fenway Park. It was easily a record group surpassing the 1953 total by almost one-hundred. The trip was financed from funds accumulated during the Bicentennial celebration and made possible by civic-minded citizens who donated their cars and who gave freely of their time.

The first step to in the move to improve existing facilities in the children's area was taken when new swings, including baby type kiddy swings were ordered. Three new picnic tables also arrived near the close of the season. The regulation horseshoe pits situated near the

upper tennis court were repaired by the supervisors and a large flood light installed by the Public Service crew.

As part of the new look, the five Minor League teams were outfitted in new uniforms. The sponsors were Charpentier's Men's Store, Vic's Diner, Vezeau's Super Market, Emerson Chevrolet and the Eagles.

The Little Bigger League movement, including boys 12 to 15 years of age, gained momentum through the generosity of Chabot's Dairy and Ferland's Fuel Oils. Thirty boys were completely outfitted and insured, thus insuring two home twilight games each week throughout the summer.

The activities at the Playgrounds are numerous, starting at 9 A.M. and ending at 9 P.M. In addition to the baseball, softball, basketball, tennis and badminton program, children and adults enjoy horse-shoes, checkers, ping pong, a variety of entertaining shows, picnics and hikes, overnight hikes, foul shooting, croquet, shuffle board, bean bag, handicraft, and tournaments in all sports.

During the final two weeks elimination tournaments for all classes, Minor League, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors—both boys and girls—were organized and supervised by the efficient staff. Championship trophies were awarded the 1954 champions on closing day.

Charles Ingalls, Hood's, The Big Dipper, Strafford Farms and Somersworth Cocoa-Cola plant donated ice cream and tonic as part of the closing day program.

Carmella Hamel, Pamela Horne, Marcel Couture and Raymond Plante served as playground supervisors. Their cooperation and devotion to the welfare of the children was largely instrumental in making the playground season a very successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY F. FRANCOEUR  
Playground Director.

## CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The City Treasurer herewith submits his report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

### TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

DR.	CR.
To Cash Balance	Improvement Bonds \$ 154.92
Jan. 1, 1954 \$ 24,982.96	Bonds 15,000.00
Auto Taxes, 1953 241.33	Cemetery 9,449.78
Auto Taxes, 1954 24,347.67	Cemetery Trust Fund 500.00
Cemetery Trust Fund 500.00	Chandler Building 583.60
Cemetery Trust Funds	City Hall 34.15
Income 1,706.80	County Tax 33,309.88
Cemetery Income 1,706.85	Fire Department 12,082.32
Chandler Building 540.00	Health 17.50
Chandler Fund Income 60.45	Highways 50,527.91
City Hall 125.00	Highway Equipment 14,000.00
Dog Licenses 230.66	Hydrant 4,000.00
Miscellaneous Licenses 814.50	Income Tax 9,345.56
Notes Payable 260,000.00	Interest 6,920.89
Police Court Fees 3,600.00	Lights 13,239.31
State of New Hamp-	Macadamizing 2,764.13
shire 10,893.74	Miscellaneous 2,427.37
Sundries 12,739.95	Municipal Building 1,795.60
Taxes 1949 2.00	Notes Payable 260,000.00
Taxes 1950 4.00	Outstanding Checks 11,606.58
Taxes 1951 63.74	Police 31,529.78
Taxes 1952 777.46	Public Library 4,161.07
Taxes 1953 31,835.73	Printing 2,529.62
Taxes 1954 322,338.61	Salaries 31,557.66
Water Works 51,740.21	Schools 141,800.69
Water Works Special 7,740.95	Sinking Fund 1,940.00
Timber Tax 1953 50.58	Sundries 19,419.62
Timber Tax 1954 679.76	Tax Purchases 1,591.96
STATE OF N. H. ITEMS	Water Works 33,906.46
Railroad Tax 1,577.90	Welfare and Relief 8,708.35
State Share App. B.	Workmen's Compensa-
TRA 3,470.00	sation 900.58
Savings Bank Tax 1,943.47	Head Taxes 17,573.50

Interest and Divi-		Insurance	2,891.18
dend Tax	3,902.37	Municipal Court	331.84
	<hr/>	Sewers	2,506.81
	10,893.74	Soldiers' Aid	3,684.97
Sale of Water Bonds	60,273.73	Water Works Special	66,128.75
Federal Funds Schools			<hr/>
Law 874	7,546.89		\$818,922.34
Sewers Special	468.00		
Head Tax 1953	2,480.00		
Head Tax 1954	16,540.00		

## SUNDRIES ITEMS

Retirement Deductions	
August	16.30
Highway Department,	
Refund	20.00
School Department	51.85
Sale of Typewriter	60.00
Sale of Maps	6.50
Public School Milk	
Fund	1,990.00
Reimb. School Milk	
Fund—State	602.62
School Lunch	2,400.43
Police to Highway	653.52
Water Works to	
Highway	201.63
Cemetery to Highway	137.01
Fire to Highway	54.86
Refund Police Dept.	12.93
Refund Tel. 17	73.80
Soldiers' Aid	
Board and Care	487.00
Refund Direct Relief	478.70
Refund Head Tax	
Bills—State	117.04
Old Age Assistance	78.23
Violation Tags	172.75
Rent—Pleasant St.	
Property	43.02
Rent—High St. Garage	102.00
Tuition	350.00

## SUNDRIES ITEMS

Memorial Day	600.00
Repairs on Public	
Buildings	3,272.48
Sidewalks	437.63
Bicentennial	3,000.00
Blue Cross	1,031.80
Building Code	205.00
Court Litigations	3.77
District Nursing	
Association	1,500.00
F. I. C. A.	4,375.57
Industrial Council	52.62
Parks and Playgrounds	2,938.28
Seacoast Region	150.00
T. R. A.	432.80
Tree Spraying	350.00
Veterans Association	300.00
Zoning	769.67
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	\$ 19,419.62
By balance on hand	26,109.23
Total	<hr/>
	\$845,031.57
Cemetery Trust Fund	56,671.24
Chandler Trust Fund	2,000.00
F. Glade Cemetery	
Gate Trust Fund	2,636.15



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Interest 1952	19.87	Royal Eastman Memorial Prize Fund	515.01
Interest 1953	179.62	Street Const. Sinking Fund	3,938.64
Redemption Tax, 1951	72.66		
Redemption Tax, 1952	415.86		
Redemption Tax, 1953	677.01		
Refund—Blue Cross	52.40		
Sale of Land			
High and Orange	325.00		
W. Lawrence, accident	271.57		
Building Inspector	343.00		
Forest Fire			
Reimbursement	15.26		
1953 Timber Tax	1.02		
Ref. Eastern States			
Farmers Exch.	.81		
Refund—Toll Calls			
Police Dept.	18.73		
Refund—Toll Calls			
Fire Dept.	7.55		
Refund, Schools			
Social Security	10.95		
Petitions—Public			
Hearing	40.00		
Board of Adjustment	30.00		
Home Ec. Trades			
and Industries	1,780.71		
Tax Sale Cost 1953	78.04		
1953 Head Tax Penalty	248.00		
1954 Head Tax Penalty	4.50		
Highway Refund			
Sand and Gravel	14.20		
Election Filing Fees	23.00		
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	\$ 12,739.95		

## Report of the Auditors for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

We herewith submit our report as auditors for the year ending December 31, 1954.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the City Clerk and City Treasurer. We find the accounts to agree with orders drawn on the Treasurer, and accounts correctly cast.

We have examined the books of the Tax Collector, Water Department, Superintendent of Forest Glade Cemetery, City Messenger, the Clerk of the Municipal Court, the Trustees of Trust Funds and find all accounts correctly cast and properly vouchered.

We thank the heads of all departments for their cooperation in assisting us in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,  
M. C. O'CONNELL,  
City Auditors, Somersworth, N. H.

## Bonded Indebtedness

### WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$53,000.00 Water Works Improvement and Extension Bonds, (nos. 1 to 53) dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, \$3,000.00 in 1950 to 1962 and \$2,000.00 in 1963 to 1969.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1949	\$53,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$38,000.00

Rate 2¼%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1955	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 427.50
Dec. 1, 1955		393.75
June 1, 1956	3,000.00	393.75
Dec. 1, 1956		360.00
June 1, 1957	3,000.00	360.00
Dec. 1, 1957		326.25
June 1, 1958	3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1958		292.50
June 1, 1959	3,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1959		258.75
June 1, 1960	3,000.00	258.75
Dec. 1, 1960		225.00
June 1, 1961	3,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1961		191.25
June 1, 1962	3,000.00	191.25
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00
June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00

Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
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	\$38,000.00	\$5,422.50

#### SEWER AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, N. H., at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$37,000.00 and \$10,000.00 a total of \$47,000.00 Sewer Extension and Sidewalk Construction Bonds, Nos. 1 to 47 dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, \$3,000.00 in 1950 to 1956 and \$2,000.00 in 1957 to 1969.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1949	\$47,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$32,000.00

Rate 2¼ %

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1955	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 360.00
Dec. 1, 1955		326.25
June 1, 1956	3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1956		292.50
June 1, 1957	2,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1957		270.00
June 1, 1958	2,000.00	270.00
Dec. 1, 1958		247.25
June 1, 1959	2,000.00	247.25
Dec. 1, 1959		225.00
June 1, 1960	2,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1960		202.50
June 1, 1961	2,000.00	202.50
Dec. 1, 1961		180.00
June 1, 1962	2,000.00	180.00
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00



June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00
Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
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	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 5,107.00

## WATER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$100,000.00 Bonds to be known as Water Bonds Nos. 1 to 100 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, 1953, to 1972.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1952	\$100,000.00	10,000.00	\$90,000.00

Rate 2%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1955		\$ 900.00
Dec. 1, 1955	5,000.00	900.00
June 1, 1956		850.00
Dec. 1, 1956	5,000.00	850.00
June 1, 1957		800.00
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	800.00
June 1, 1958		750.00
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	750.00
June 1, 1959		700.00
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	700.00
June 1, 1960		650.00
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	650.00
June 1, 1961		600.00
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	600.00

June 1, 1962		550.00
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	550.00
June 1, 1963		500.00
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	500.00
June 1, 1964		450.00
Dec. 1, 1964	5,000.00	450.00
June 1, 1965		400.00
Dec. 1, 1965	5,000.00	400.00
June 1, 1966		350.00
Dec. 1, 1966	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1967		300.00
Dec. 1, 1967	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1968		250.00
Dec. 1, 1968	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1969		200.00
Dec. 1, 1969	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1970		150.00
Dec. 1, 1970	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1971		100.00
Dec. 1, 1971	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1972		50.00
Dec. 1, 1972	5,000.00	50.00
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		\$ 90,000.00 \$ 17,100.00

## STREET BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$55,000.00. Bonds to be known as Street Bonds Nos. 1 to 55 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, \$5,000.00 in 1953 to 1963.

## Rate 2%

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding	
Dec. 1, 1952	\$55,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$45,000.00	
Date Due			Principal	Interest
June 1, 1955				\$ 450.00
Dec. 1, 1955			5,000.00	450.00
June 1, 1956				400.00

Dec. 1, 1956	5,000.00	400.00
June 1, 1957		350.00
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1958		300.00
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1959		250.00
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1960		200.00
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1961		150.00
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1962		100.00
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1963		50.00
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	50.00
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\$ 45,000.00		\$ 4,500.00

## IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held June 26, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer, were authorized to prepare and sell \$35,000.00 Bonds to be known as Improvement Bonds, Nos. 1 to 5 dated September 1, 1952, payable September 1, \$7,000.00, 1953 to 1957.

Rate 2½

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Sept. 1, 1952	\$35,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$21,000.00
Date Due		Principal	Interest
Mar. 1, 1955			\$ 236.25
Sept. 1, 1955		7,000.00	236.25
Mar. 1, 1956			157.50
Sept. 1, 1956		7,000.00	157.50
Mar. 1, 1957			78.75
Sept. 1, 1957		7,000.00	78.75
		\$ 21,000	\$ 945.00

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the

City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held September 7, 1954, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to issue and sell \$60,000.00 Bonds known as Water Works Bonds, payable in annual payments of \$5,000.00 for the years 1955 to 1966 inclusive.

## Rate 1.90%

Date Issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Oct. 1, 1954	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
Due Date	Principal	Interest	
Apr. 1 1955		\$ 570.00	
Oct. 1 1955	5,000.00	570.00	
Apr. 1 1956		522.50	
Oct. 1 1956	5,000.00	522.50	
Apr. 1 1957		475.00	
Oct. 1 1957	5,000.00	475.00	
Apr. 1 1958		427.50	
Oct. 1 1958	5,000.00	427.50	
Apr. 1 1959		380.00	
Oct. 1 1959	5,000.00	380.00	
Apr. 1 1960		332.50	
Oct. 1 1960	5,000.00	332.50	
Apr. 1 1961		285.00	
Oct. 1 1961	5,000.00	285.00	
Apr. 1 1962		237.50	
Oct. 1 1962	5,000.00	237.50	
Apr. 1 1963		190.00	
Oct. 1 1963	5,000.00	190.00	
Apr. 1 1964		142.50	
Oct. 1 1964	5,000.00	142.50	
Apr. 1 1965		95.00	
Oct. 1 1965	5,000.00	95.00	
Apr. 1 1966		47.50	
Oct. 1 1966	5,000.00	47.50	
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			\$ 60,000.00 \$ 7,410.00



## Valuation

	1954	1953
Real Estate	\$5,633,197.00	\$5,677,045.00
Electric Plants	658,245.00	686,000.00
Horses (5)	415.00	745.00 (7 )
Cows (165)	14,295.00	20,585.00 (179 )
Other neat stock (3)	225.00	345.00 (3 )
Sheep and Goats (2)	30.00	30.00 (2 )
Hogs (4)	100.00	50.00 (2 )
Fowl (4135)	3,105.00	3,965.00 (3455)
Fur Bearing Animals (17)	170.00	440.00 (44 )
Value of Wood and Lumber	1,472.00	1,700.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	6,400.00	6,800.00
Value of Stock in Trade	1,411,695.00	1,624,440.00
Mills, Machinery and Factories	1,221,063.00	967,455.00
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	\$8,950,412.00	\$8,989,600.00
Soldiers' Exemptions	447,805.00	400,730.00
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Net Valuation	\$8,501,377.00	\$8,588,870.00
Somersworth National Bank (809 Shares)	809.00	809.00 (809 )
First National Bank, Somersworth (774 Shares)	774.00	777.00 (777 )
First National Bank, Rochester (31 Shares)	7.75	5.25 (21 )
Newmarket National Bank (21 Shares)	10.50	

## Appropriations

	1954	1953
Bonds	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Interest on Bonds	2,383.75	2,630.75
Town Road Aid	432.80	426.11
Cemetery	7,000.00	7,000.00
Fire Department	13,000.00	9,000.00
Highway	50,000.00	46,000.00
Hydrants	4,000.00	4,000.00
Library	4,612.00	4,300.00
Macadam	4,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	2,500.00
Municipal Building	2,000.00	2,000.00
District Nursing Service	1,500.00	1,500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	3,500.00	2,800.00
Interest—Notes Payable	5,237.14	2,790.35
Police	33,862.44	32,016.11
Police Cruiser		3,500.00
Printing	2,500.00	2,600.00
Repairs, Public Buildings	2,700.00	300.00
Salaries	35,601.97	33,000.00
Schools	128,904.80	122,980.00
Street Lights	13,700.00	12,500.00
Welfare and Relief	15,000.00	15,000.00
County Tax	33,309.88	33,338.93
Memorial Day	600.00	600.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,000.00	1,000.00
Seacoast Region Membership	150.00	150.00
Zoning and Planning	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security	1,728.00	1,132.00
Tree Spraying	350.00	
Grader	5,500.00	
Loader	8,500.00	
Sewers	1,000.00	3,000.00
Sidewalks	3,000.00	2,000.00
Sno-Go		12,917.38
Sinking Fund	970.00	970.00
Fire Hose		2,040.00
Bicentennial	2,500.00	
Disabled Am. Veterans	300.00	

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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Industrial Council	300.00	
Insurance—Public Buildings	2,891.18	
Total Appropriation	\$ 408,033.96	\$ 382,491.63
Amount to be raised by Taxation	350,413.17	327,455.63
Total Valuation	8,501,377.00	8,588,870.00
Rate \$41.50 on \$1,000		

# Departmental Expenditures

## BICENTENNIAL

Lorenzo T. Ross, Treasurer	\$	3,000.00
City Treasurer		3,000.00
By Appropriation		3,000.00

## BONDS

Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds		\$	3,000.00
Improvement Bonds			7,000.00
Street Bonds—\$2500 Appropriation			
\$2500 from State			5,000.00
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			15,000.00
City Treasurer		\$	15,000.00
By Appropriation	\$	12,500.00	
Received from State of N. H.		2,500.00	
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## BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD

N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	\$	1,120.85	
Outstanding		89.05	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,031.80
City Treasurer			\$ 1,031.80
Blue Cross Refund		52.40	
Transferred from City Treasury		979.40	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,031.80

## BUILDING CODE

Building Inspector		\$	294.00
Outstanding			89.00
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			\$ 205.00
City Treasurer			\$ 205.00
By Receipts	\$	343.00	
Transferred to City Treasury		138.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 205.00



## CEMETERY

Supt's. Salary (Gross)	\$	1,706.00		
Labor (Gross)		5,767.84		
	\$	7,473.84	\$	7,473.84
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	428.50		
FICA		143.51		
			\$	572.01
Net Salaries			\$	6,901.83
Supplies	\$	1,249.89		
Dressing		70.00		
Seed		40.60		
Turf Builder		63.15		
Gas and Oil		143.38		
Plants and Shrubs		429.43		
Equipment		99.00		
Parts		96.25		
Concrete Containers		380.40		
			\$	2,572.10
			\$	2,572.10
			9,473.93	10,045.94
Outstanding Checks			24.15	
			\$	9,449.78
City Treasurer			\$	9,449.78
Cemetery Trust Funds Income				1,706.80
Cemetery Income				1,706.85
By Appropriation				7,000.00
			\$	10,413.65
Transferred to City Treasury				367.71
			\$	10,045.94

## CHANDLER BUILDING

Fuel	\$	568.46
Lights		19.25
Water		14.40
Supplies		4.87

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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Insurance	24.72		
Labor	6.50		
		\$	648.20
Outstanding checks			64.60
		\$	583.60
City Treasurer			583.60
By Receipts		\$	540.00
Transferred from City Treasury			108.20
		\$	648.20

## CITY HALL

Water	\$	15.04	
Stock and Labor		19.11	
			\$
			34.15
By Receipts	\$	125.00	
Transferred to City Treasury		90.85	
		\$	34.15

## COUNTY TAX

Strafford County Treasurer for 1954	County Tax	\$	33,309.88
City Treasurer			33,309.88
By Appropriation			33,309.88

## COURT LITIGATION

Witness fee	\$	3.77
City Treasurer		3.77
Transferred from City Treasurer		3.77

## DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE

John J. Duffy, Treasurer	\$	1,500.00
City Treasurer		1,500.00
By Appropriation		1,500.00

## F. I. C. A.

Treasurer, State of N. H. for Social Security	\$	4,375.57
By Appropriation	\$	1,728.00
Payroll Deductions		2,285.62
Refund — Schools		10.95
Transferred from City Treasury		351.00
	\$	4,375.57

## FIRE

Firemen's Semi-Annual Payroll	\$	4,655.00		
Assistant Drivers		653.22		
Fire Alarm Maintenance		200.00		
Labor		737.47		
Total Salaries (Gross)	\$	6,245.69	\$	6245.69
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	31.10		
FICA		124.88		
			\$	155.98
Total Salaries (Net)			\$	6,089.71
Gas and Telephone	\$	370.72		
Lights and Fuel		989.82		
Supplies		1,622.43		
Truck Rep. and Maint.		166.05		
Insurance		595.40		
Inspections		100.00		
Hurricane expenses		443.40		
Hose		959.21		
Miscellaneous		328.33		
Fire Alarm Repairs		192.35		
Repairs		71.65		
Water		14.40		
Equipment		843.70		
Labor		34.00		
Gas and Oil		56.90		
			\$	6,788.36
			\$	6,788.36
			\$	12,878.07
			\$	13,034.05
Outstanding Checks				
				795.75
			\$	12,082.32
City Treasurer			\$	12,082.32
By Appropriation			\$	13,000.00
Forest Fire Reimbursement				15.26
Telephone Refund				7.55
Transferred from City Treasury				11.24
			\$	13,034.05

## HEAD TAXES

State Treasurer for 1953 Head Taxes	\$	1,754.00	
State Treasurer for 1954 Taxes		15,819.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 17,573.50
1953 Head Tax Penalty	\$	248.00	
1954 Head Tax Penalty		4.50	
1953 Head Taxes Collected		2,480.00	
1954 Head Taxes Collected		16,540.00	
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	\$	19,272.50	
Transferred to General Fund		1,699.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 17,573.50

## HEALTH

Supplies and Expenses	\$	17.50
City Treasurer	\$	17.50
Transferred from City Treasury	\$	17.50

## HYDRANTS

Somersworth Water Works, hydrant service	\$	4,000.00
City Treasurer	\$	4,000.00
By Appropriation	\$	4,000.00

## HIGHWAY

Labor salaries (Gross)	\$	31,390.96	
Labor salaries (Gross) Hurricane		4,021.44	
		<hr/>	\$ 35,412.40 \$ 35,412.40
Withholding	\$	2,037.50	
FICA		705.37	
Blue Cross and Shield	—	349.05	
		<hr/>	3,091.92
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	\$	32,320.48	
Supplies	\$	2,175.46	
Parts		1,855.31	
Repairs		1,533.28	
Motor Oil		543.90	
Gasoline		4,696.40	

Lights	183.42		
Telephone	296.61		
Fuel Oil	956.04		
Tires and Tubes	620.58		
Sewers	229.90		
Miscellaneous	435.01		
Insurance	707.88		
Road Patch	29.20		
Signs	348.35		
Salt	333.00		
Tarvia	664.63		
Tree Service	82.50		
Water	25.20		
Lumber	564.39		
Equipment	398.50		
Hurricane expenses	1,869.94		
Freight	26.32		
		\$ 18,575.82	\$ 18,575.82

		\$ 50,896.30	\$ 53,988.22
Outstanding Checks		368.39	
		\$ 50,527.91	
By Appropriation		\$ 50,000.00	
Highway refund		20.00	
Gas and Oil		1,047.02	
Rent High St. Garage		102.00	
Lawrence accident		271.57	
Refund—Sand and Gravel		14.20	
Transferred from City Treasury		2,533.43	
			\$ 53,988.22

## HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Grader	\$ 5,500.00		
Payloader	8,500.00		
City Treasurer		\$ 14,000.00	
By Appropriation		\$ 14,000.00	

## IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Repairs to Ward 3 Ward House	\$ 154.92
City Treasurer	\$ 154.92



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## BICENTENNIAL YEAR

—1954

Bal. Bond issue	\$	1,224.26
Expended in 1954		154.92
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Unexpended Balance	\$	1,069.34

## INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL

Postage	\$	52.62
City Treasurer	\$	52.62
Transferred from City Treasury	\$	52.62

## INTEREST

Tax Anticipation Notes	\$	4,884.22	
Improvement Bonds		630.00	
Street Bonds		1,000.00	
Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds		753.75	
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	\$	7,267.97	\$ 7,267.97
By Appropriation—Notes Payable	\$	5,237.14	
By Appropriation—Bonds		2,383.75	
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Total Appropriation	\$	7,620.89	
Transferred to City Treasury		352.92	
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	\$		\$ 7,267.97

## INSURANCE

Insurance on City's public Buildings	\$	2,891.18
City Treasurer	\$	2,891.18
By Appropriation	\$	2,891.18

## LIBRARY

Librarian	\$	2,520.00	
Clerks and Janitor		335.60	
Total Salaries (Gross)	<hr/>	\$ 2,855.60	\$ 2,855.60
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$	215.50	
Blue Cross and Shield		26.40	
FICA		57.14	
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		299.04	
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Total Salaries (Net)	\$	2,556.56	

Books	\$	1,333.13		
Supplies		87.73		
Lights and Telephone		199.45		
Binding		91.50		
Printing		52.65		
Magazines		263.85		
		<hr/>	\$	2,028.31
			\$	2,028.31
Outstanding Checks			\$	4,584.87
				423.80
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			\$	4,161.07
City Treasurer			\$	4,161.07
By Appropriation	\$	4,612.00		
½ Chandler Fund Income		30.43		
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	\$	4,642.43		
Transferred from City				
Treasury		241.48		
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	\$	4,883.91	\$	4,883.91

## MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion Post No. 69		\$	450.00
V. F. W. No. 4485			150.00
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		\$	600.00
City Treasurer		\$	600.00
By Appropriation		\$	600.00

## MACADAM

Tarvia		\$	2,764.13
City Treasurer		\$	2,764.13
By Appropriation	\$	4,000.00	
Transferred to City Treasury		1,235.87	
		<hr/>	\$
			2,764.13

## MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk's Office—supplies			
and postage	\$	272.96	
Tax Collector's Office—supplies			
and postage		294.92	

Assessors		375.62		
Officials' Bonds		223.60		
Miscellaneous		30.56		
Adm. cost—OASI		172.80		
Hall rental for unemployment		480.00		
Mayor's office		91.70		
Elections		478.13		
City Solicitor		5.20		
Building Inspector		3.48		
			\$	2,428.97
Outstanding Check		1.60	\$	2,428.97
			\$	2,427.37
City Treasurer			\$	2,427.37
By Appropriation	\$	2,500.00		
Transferred to City Treasury		71.03		
	\$	2,428.97	\$	2,428.97

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Fuel	\$	787.32		
Lights		295.06		
Supplies		206.66		
Telephone		425.18		
Repairs		69.49		
Miscellaneous		3.89		
Water		13.00		
			\$	1,800.60
Outstanding Check		5.00	\$	1,800.60
			\$	1,795.60
City Treasurer			\$	1,795.60
By Appropriation			\$	2,000.00
Transferred to City Treasury		199.40		
			\$	1,800.60

## NOTES PAYABLE

Tax Anticipation Notes	\$	260,000.00
City Treasurer	\$	260,000.00
Transferred from City Treasury	\$	260,000.00

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## MUNICIPAL COURT

a/c State of New Hampshire		\$	331.84
City Treasurer		\$	331.84
By receipts	\$	3,600.00	
Transferred to City Treasury		3,268.16	
		<hr/>	\$ 331.84

## PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Labor (Gross)	\$	1,920.00	\$	1,920.00
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	280.00		
FICA		38.40		
		<hr/>	318.40	
Labor (Net)	\$	1,601.60		
Noble Pines—Lights and Supplies	\$	1,289.69		
Municipal Park—Plants		26.30		
Football Field—Lime		32.40		
		<hr/>	\$ 1,348.39	\$ 1,348.39
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			\$ 2,949.99	\$ 3,268.39
Outstanding Checks			11.71	
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			\$ 2,938.28	
City Treasurer			\$ 2,938.28	
By Appropriation			\$ 3,500.00	
Transferred to City Treasury			231.61	
			<hr/>	\$ 3,268.39

## POLICE

Salaries (Gross)	\$	30,369.63	\$	30,369.63
Deductions:				
Retirement	\$	615.51		
Withholding		2,450.80		
FICA		50.09		
Blue Cross and Shield		214.00		
		<hr/>	\$ 3,330.40	
Salaries (Net)	\$	27,039.23	\$	29,754.12

## N. H. Police Retirement Board

City's share \$759.09

Payroll deductions	\$615.51	\$	1,374.60		
Telephone			1,366.30		
Lights			304.62		
Supplies			215.69		
Miscellaneous			100.20		
Cruiser expenses			1,317.52		
Radio			45.31		
Insurance			71.69		
				\$	4,795.93
				\$	4,795.93

## Outstanding Checks

\$	31,835.16	\$	34,550.05
	305.38		

## City Treasurer

\$	31,529.78
\$	31,529.78

Appropriation	\$	33,862.44
Refund—Retirement		16.30
Police Dept. Refund		12.93
Telephone Reimbursement		92.53
Violation Tags		172.75
Beano Permits		60.00
Junk Licenses		25.00
Coffee Licenses		15.00
Gun Permits		28.00
	\$	34,284.95
Transferred to City Treasury		265.10

\$	34,550.05	\$	34,550.05
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## PRINTING

Mayor	\$	50.50
Checks		233.63
City Clerk		111.06
Hearings, Ordinances Resolutions, etc.		237.55
Tax Collector		129.40
City Reports		815.25
Plumbing Inspector		45.00
Building Inspector		172.20



Municipal Court	6.00		
City Treasurer	48.09		
Assessors	18.00		
Check Lists	652.69		
City Engineer	15.75		
	<hr/>	\$ 2,535.12	\$ 2,535.12
Outstanding Check		5.50	
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		\$ 2,529.62	
City Treasurer		\$ 2,529.62	
By Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00	
Transferred to City Treasury		35.12	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,535.12

## REPAIRS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Fire Station	\$ 1,078.45		
Municipal Building	415.08		
Public Library	372.30		
Ward 3	576.65		
Chandler Building	650.00		
Ward 5	180.00		
	<hr/>		3,272.48
City Treasurer		\$	3,272.48
By Appropriation	\$ 2,700.00		
Transferred from City Treasury	572.48		
	<hr/>	\$	3,272.48

## SALARIES

Mayor, City Clerk, Tax Collector, Street Commissioner, Overseer of Poor, City Messenger, Fire Apparatus Driver and Office Clerks	\$ 28,104.28		
Quarterly salaries	4,475.00		
Supervisors	627.00		
Auditors	150.00		
Elections	649.00		
Election returns and drawing jurors	25.50		
Assessors	2,411.85		
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Salaries (Gross)	\$ 36,442.63	\$	36,442.63
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$ 3,075.32		

FICA	653.02	
Blue Cross and Shield	405.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,133.44
Salaries (Net)		\$ 32,309.19
Outstanding Checks		751.53
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		\$ 31,557.66
City Treasurer		\$ 31,557.66
By Appropriation		\$ 35,601.97
Transferred from City Treasury		840.66
	<hr/>	\$ 36,442.63

## SCHOOLS

Teachers		\$ 84,952.14	
Janitors		8,067.99	
School Nurse		2,539.19	
Truant Officer		150.00	
Retired Teachers		356.19	
Clerks and District Officers		259.00	
Special Instruction		276.00	
Cafeteria Staff		4,715.00	
Labor—Repairs		317.50	
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Salaries (Gross)		\$ 101,633.01	
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$ 9,988.40		
Retirement	6,063.06		
Blue Cross and Shield	813.89		
FICA	287.62		
	<hr/>	\$ 17,152.97	
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		\$ 84,480.04	\$ 84,480.04
Supt's. Salary (local share)	\$ 2,230.53		
Tax for State wide supervision	1,252.00		
Salaries of other adm. personnel	1,901.60		
Supplies and Expenses of			
Administration	1,221.10		
Books and other instructional			
Aids	2,566.44		
Scholars' supplies	3,844.17		

Supplies and Expenses of			
Administration	445.79		
Fuel	3,145.76		
Water, lights, supplies and ex-			
penses of operating School			
Plant	3,924.27		
Repairs and replacements	2,296.14		
Health Supervision	190.03		
Transportation	8,010.50		
Retirement (City's Share)	5,126.57		
Special Activities and Special			
Funds	3,899.23		
New Equipment	2,032.92		
Director of Internal Revenue	9,987.42		
Employees' Retirement System	5,290.29		
N. H. - Vt. Hosp. Service	810.00		
		\$ 58,174.76	\$ 58,174.76
		\$ 142,654.80	\$ 142,654.80
Outstanding Checks		854.11	
		\$ 141,800.69	
City Treasurer		\$ 141,800.69	
FICA payroll deductions		\$	287.62
FICA—City's Share			287.62
			\$ 143,230.04
By appropriation	\$ 128,904.80		
Dog licenses	230.66		
½ Chandler Fund Income	30.22		
Federal Funds	7,546.89		
School Department receipts	51.85		
Sale of Typewriter	60.00		
Milk Fund	2,592.62		
Reimbursement—School Lunch	2,400.43		
Tuition	350.00		
Home Ec. Trades and Industries	1,780.71		
	\$ 143,948.18		
Transferred to City Treasury	718.14		
		\$ 143,230.04	

## SEWERS

Contractor	\$	2,305.43	
Engineer		201.38	
	\$	2,506.81	
City Treasurer	\$	2,506.81	
Balance—Sewer Bond Issue	\$	1,224.26	
By Appropriation		1,000.00	
Sewers Special Income		468.00	
	\$	2,692.26	
Transferred to City Treasury		185.45	
			\$ 2,506.81

## SEACOAST REGION

Seacoast Regional Development	\$	150.00
City Treasurer	\$	150.00
By Appropriation	\$	150.00

## SIDEWALKS

Crushed Stone		\$	437.63
City Treasurer		\$	437.63
Bal. Sidewalk Bonds	\$	57.96	
By Appropriation		3,000.00	
	\$	3,057.96	
Transferred to City Treasury		2,620.33	
			\$ 437.63

## SINKING FUND

Street Construction		\$	1,940.00
City Treasurer		\$	1,940.00
State's Share	\$	970.00	
City's Share		970.00	
			\$ 1,940.00

## STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Co. of N. H.		\$	13,239.31
City Treasurer		\$	13,239.31
By Appropriation	\$	13,700.00	
Transferred to City Treasury		460.69	
			\$ 13,239.31

## TREE SPRAYING

Spraying City Trees	\$	350.00
City Treasurer	\$	350.00
By Appropriation	\$	350.00

## TOWN ROAD AID

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	432.80
City Treasurer	\$	432.80
By Appropriation	\$	432.80

## TAX PURCHASES

Joseph F. McKeon, Tax Collector	\$	1,591.96
City Treasurer	\$	1,591.96
Transferred from City Treasury	\$	1,591.96

## VETERANS' ASSOCIATIONS

DAV Post No. 15	\$	300.00
City Treasurer	\$	300.00
By Appropriation	\$	300.00

## WATER WORKS

Supt's. Salary	\$	2,704.00		
Engineer's Salary		3,607.20		
Commissioners' Salaries		650.00		
Labor		4,342.10		
Total Salaries (Gross)			\$	11,303.30
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	800.80		
FICA		215.60		
Blue Cross and Shield		72.30		
			\$	1,088.70
Total Salaries (Net)			\$	10,214.60
Supplies	\$	2,883.01		
Power and Lights		5,015.74		
Telephone		389.28		
Truck Maintenance		283.09		
Parts and Repairs		419.80		
Gas and Oil		265.03		



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Fuel	348.28		
Bonds	8,000.00		
Interest on Bonds	2,788.75		
Insurance	52.94		
Miscellaneous	345.17		
Equipment	3,137.83		
	<hr/>	\$ 23,928.92	\$ 23,928.92
		\$ 34,143.52	\$ 35,232.22
Outstanding Checks		237.06	
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		\$ 33,906.46	
City Treasurer		\$ 33,906.46	
Water Works Receipts	\$ 51,740.21		
Transferred to City Treasury	16,507.99		
	<hr/>		\$ 35,232.22

## WATER WORKS SPECIAL

Contractors	\$ 24,383.68		
Valves and Fittings	5,128.90		
Water Supplies	3,695.73		
Pipe	31,277.73		
Miscellaneous	351.06		
Engineer	2,684.08		
Excavating	43.20		
	<hr/>	\$ 67,564.38	\$ 67,564.38
Outstanding		1,435.63	
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		\$ 66,128.75	
City Treasurer		\$ 66,128.75	
Unexpended Bond Balance	1,360.78		
Water Works Bonds	60,000.00		
Accrued Interest on W. W. Bonds	273.73		
Water Works Special Income	7,740.95		
	<hr/>	\$ 69,375.46	
Unexpended Bond Balance	1,811.08		
	<hr/>	\$ 67,564.38	\$ 67,564.38

## WELFARE AND RELIEF

Direct Relief			
Old Age Assistance	\$ 4,006.08		

Groceries	1,068.49	
Board and Care	2,046.42	
Fuel	107.15	
Medical	1,496.55	
Office Expenses	198.10	
Rent	42.00	
Funeral Expenses	187.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,151.79

## Soldiers' Aid

Board and Care	\$3,699.24	
Fuel	8.15	
Groceries	222.65	
Medical	58.44	
Clothing	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,993.48

	\$ 13,145.27	\$ 13,145.27
Outstanding Checks	751.95	

	\$ 12,393.32	
City Treasurer	\$ 12,393.32	
By Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
Refund—Soldiers' Aid, Board and Care	487.00	
Refund—Direct Relief	478.70	
Refund—Old Age Assistance	78.23	

	\$ 16,043.93	
Transferred to City Treasury	2,898.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,145.27

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

William G. Ball Agency		\$ 900.58
City Treasurer		\$ 900.58
By Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Transferred to City Treasury	99.42	
	<hr/>	\$ 900.58

## WITHHOLDING TAXES

Director of Internal Revenue	\$ 9,345.56
City Treasurer	\$ 9,345.56
Transferred from City Treasury	\$ 9,345.56

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## ZONING

Salaries (Gross)	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	45.00		
FICA		10.00		
		<hr/>	\$	55.00
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			\$	445.00
Supplies	\$	74.12		
Printing		210.15		
Miscellaneous		40.40		
		<hr/>	\$	324.67
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			\$	769.67
City Treasurer	\$	769.67	\$	824.67
By Appropriation	\$	1,000.00		
Petitions—Public Hearings		70.00		
Sale of Maps		6.50		
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	\$	1,076.50		
Transferred to City Treasury		251.83		
		<hr/>	\$	824.67

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

December 30, 1954

To the Honorable Mayor Edward S. Charpentier:

At the close of the fiscal year I should like to submit a general report to you regarding the progress accomplished within our city's public schools, and the chief problems which we must face in the coming year.

Of the total number of children of school age in our city the public schools enroll 639 while the parochial schools, including the out-of-town high schools, enroll a total of 913. These figures may vary somewhat from week to week as pupils transfer from one school to another. Needless to say, that if we were suddenly forced to house all of the city's children in our public schools, we could not do it without a tremendous increase in physical facilities and finances. We enjoy very close cooperation with the administrators and teachers of the parochial schools at the present time. Some of the services we offer to the parochial schools include transportation, health, music, hot lunches, and recreational facilities.

The cost of education to the citizens of Somersworth is extremely low as compared to the average cost in the state or to communities of equal size. We are about \$100. lower per pupil than the average of the state although we have one of the highest adjusted valuation per pupil. Our school tax rate per \$1,000. of assessed valuation is the lowest in South Eastern New Hampshire. Our total budget has increased slightly for the past few years and it has been chiefly due to the addition of classroom space, equipping and staffing these rooms, and trying to keep teacher salaries in line with those paid in industry and business. In teacher salaries we are still lagging, and every year we lose excellent teachers to either industry or to other schools. To illustrate, the following are some take-home weekly pay of our teachers:

Teacher A	\$42.93
Teacher B	49.16
Teacher C	38.16
Teacher D	41.71

Most of these teachers have families to support, and so they have

to depend on other jobs to make both ends meet. The result is that they lose some of their efficiency as teachers.

The school department again spent within its budget and finished the year with a balance of over \$1,000. This was accomplished in spite of some unexpected expenditures. For example, when we submitted a budget we could not foresee the hurricane damage, some unexpected breakdowns of the heating and electrical systems, etc. We did plan on annual maintenance and repairs in order to keep our buildings in good working order. At the high school we completely renovated three classrooms, waterproofed certain walls and windows, bought some maintenance equipment, and kept our instructional equipment up to date. In the grade schools we made some plumbing and electrical repairs, created and equipped an additional classroom, eliminated as many fire hazards as possible at the Burleigh School, and organized our classes so that we would need a minimum of classrooms and teachers.

The building committee for the new school has been very conscious of economy. They have taken on many services which normally are performed by either the architect or the contractor. They have done this in order to save the city a certain per cent of the cost. Letting out of bids has been highly competitive in order to secure the best possible prices. Whenever possible, it is the intention of the committee to employ local business. The construction bids have been submitted and will be opened on January 20. The building plans call for a sound building with no elaborate material or space. Present plans are to have it completed some time next Fall. Between the opening of the school year and the completion of the new building, one or two additional elementary classrooms will be needed. There is no available space in our present school buildings and so the school board will be forced to find some unused space somewhere in the city. Any suggestion will be welcome.

Somersworth has been extremely fortunate in retaining a group of teachers who excell both in training and experience. Most communities have been forced to hire teachers with only two years of college training and with no experience. An ever-increasing number of our pupils are going on to college and skilled professions. They continue to win many academic honors and achievements both in state and nation-wide competition. We enjoy excellent cooperation with local businesses and industries in placing our graduates in good jobs. Our teachers and pupils participate in many civic projects for the



betterment of our community. We are attempting to give our children an equal opportunity for a sound education and with your continued cooperation in solving our problems, we feel sure that we will continue to be successful.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. TOLL,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## Mayors Since the City Was Chartered

1893-	<i>Franklin N. Chase</i>
1894-1896	<i>Christopher H. Wells</i>
1897-	<i>Benjamin F. Hanson</i>
1898-1900	<i>Arthur J. Seavey</i>
1901-	<i>Haven Doe</i>
1902-1903	<i>John N. Haines</i>
1904-	<i>Freeman A. Hussey</i>
1905-1908	<i>Benjamin F. Hanson</i>
1909-1911	<i>Thomas J. Dougherty</i>
1912-1913	<i>Paul LaBonte</i>
1914-1922	<i>Fred H. Brown</i>
1923-1933	<i>Peter M. Gagne</i>
1934-	<i>Clement P. Roy</i>
1935-1943	<i>Alfred J. Boucher</i>
1944-1944	<i>*Arthur W. Proulx (Jan. 1-June 6)</i>
1944-1945	<i>**Napoleon A. Habel (June 6-Dec.31)</i>
1946-1953	<i>*Romeo St. Laurent (June 30, 1953)</i>
1953-1953	<i>**Placide J. Lagueur (July 1-Dec. 31)</i>
1954-	<i>Edward S. Charpentier</i>

\* *Resigned*

\*\* *Unexpired term*

## Fire Alarm Boxes

- 5 Depot and Main streets
- 6 Main and Franklin streets
- 12 City Hall
- 13 Main and Spring streets
- 14 Main and Indigo Hill road
- 15 Third street
- 16 New Dam
- 18 General Electric Co.
- 17 Main and Daniel streets
- 21 Franklin and Green streets
- 23 Myrtle and Green streets
- 24 Tremont and Green streets
- 25 Pleasant and West Green streets
- 26 Franklin and Garden streets
- 27 Myrtle and Nash Parkway
- 31 High and Washington streets
- 32 High and South streets
- 34 Bartlett avenue
- 35 Black Harry Clay
- 36 Central Park
- 41 Highland and Grand streets
- 42 Mt. Vernon St. and Pemberton Lane
- 43 Lincoln street
- 45 Lily Pond road
- 51 Court and Washington streets
- 52 High and Fore streets
- 54 Market street
- 56 Somersworth Shoe
- 58 Collea Corp.
- 62 West High St. and Maple St. Ext.
- 321 Laurier and Davis streets
- 322 High and Drew streets
- 551 From Y to Blue Moon
- 552 From Blue Moon to Hanson's Corner
- 553 Hanson's Corner to Town Line
- Test: 2 blasts, 6 o'clock, P. M., and 12 noon
- 1 blast: Engineers' Call
- 2-2-2 House call

- 4 Out of town and brush fires
- 1-1 No-school signal
- 7 Air Raid Signal
- 8 American Legion and V. F. W.
- 9 Boy Scouts
- 3-3-3 National Guard—Militia Call





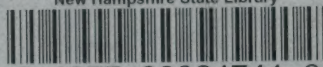
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